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Outburst at Diana crash inquiry

You're a snob, Al Fayed tells Shand Kydd

FROM BEN MACINTYRE AND SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

MOHAMED AL FAYED yesterday accused the mother of Diana, Princess of Wales, of taking on royal airs, failing as a mother and declining to speak to "a working-class guy" like him, in a bizarre outburst during a break in the "witness summit" in Paris.

Frances Shand Kydd, mother of the Princess, and Mr Al Fayed, whose son Dodi was also killed in the car crash, sat just a few feet apart in court as photographers being investigated on suspicion of manslaughter were individually questioned by witnesses.

Mrs Shand Kydd, whose appearance at the Paris Palais de Justice was unexpected, is known to have been upset by conspiracy theories surrounding the death of her daughter, while Mr Al Fayed has said he is convinced the crash was not an accident.

Although Mr Al Fayed had claimed to be relaxed about Mrs Shand Kydd's presence in court, during an afternoon break in proceedings he proved to be the opposite, launching an astonishing attack on the bereaved mother and a fellow civil plaintiff in the case.

"She knows our interests are the same. She lost a daughter and I lost a son. If she wants to talk to me, she can," Mr Al Fayed told reporters. "People like her are on another planet. She's a snob. It's English snobbism. If she thinks she belongs to the Royal Family and doesn't want to talk to ordinary people like me that's up to her. I'm just a working-class guy," the multimillionaire owner of Harrods said.

At the end of the six-hour hearing, Mr Al Fayed renewed his attack on Mrs Shand Kydd. "She thinks she's the Queen of Sheba. I don't give a damn about her," he said before adding: "She thinks she can get away with things because she's related to the Queen Mother."

Mr Al Fayed even suggested that Mrs Shand Kydd had deserted her children after the break-up of her marriage to Earl Spencer. "If you'd left your kid when it was six years old then you wouldn't be considered to be a good father, so she's not a good mother," he said. Mrs Shand Kydd, accompanied by Lady Sarah McCorquodale, sister of the Princess, declined to speak to journalists.

Mr Al Fayed also delivered a virulent attack on the nine photographers and motorcycle riders who pursued the couple from the Ritz hotel and have since been placed under investigation on suspicion of manslaughter and failing to assist persons in danger, saying he would like to "hang them all".

Mr Al Fayed went on: "I am a great believer in God. When he opens his box all the bastards who caused this will be captured." Later, he declared: "The paparazzi who created this terrible atmosphere are criminals."

The investigating magistrate Hervé Stéphan called the meeting to iron out inconsistencies in testimony. Mr Al Fayed and Mrs Shand Kydd were present as observers.

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"You can say that again"

CHRIS HARRIS



Michael Owen talking about Sheringham and £5 million boots yesterday

The young contender on pitfalls for a star

BY MATT DICKINSON AND ADRIAN LEE

THE addition of another name to English football's roll of dishonour is likely to benefit a baby-faced teenager who lives at home with his parents.

Michael Owen, 18, spent yesterday straight-batting questions about the early morning antics of Teddy Sheringham, his rival in the World Cup squad.

Sheringham, 32, of Manchester United, is the subject of a Football Association inquiry after being photographed smoking and drinking at dawn in a Portuguese night club, increasing the clamour for Owen to replace him.

Yesterday, as Sheringham faced the wrath of Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, Owen signed a boot deal worth £5 million and spoke of his responsibilities.

"There are so many pitfalls that you have got to be careful," said Owen, England's youngest international this century. "Footballers are more in the limelight now. You have to be more of a professional off the pitch as well as on it."

Sheringham will have further talks with today as the FA investigation into the latest allegations continues.

The England World Cup squad — Sheringham among them — gathered at Bisham Abbey, Berkshire, to begin final preparations for France. As the England coach arrived he was clearly agitated, brushing aside questions.

Sir Bobby Charlton, a member of England's 1966 team and now a Manchester United director, gave Sheringham a stinging rebuke. He said: "I hope that he feels suitably embarrassed."

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Prescott drive to protect Parks

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN PRESCOTT is drawing up radical proposals to protect Britain's National Parks following concern about traffic congestion, pollution, and soil erosion.

Car free-zones, cycle lanes, lower speed limits and cut-price bus passes are being considered for use in the hundreds of thousands of acres covered by the 11 parks. The Deputy Prime Minister is prepared for what looks set to become another bitter battle between the motorist and the countryside lobby.

He expects a report next week into the scale of the problem in the Lake District which he hopes to use to prepare a wider programme for the national parks.

Mr Prescott has been joined by Sir Chris Bonington, the mountaineer, who is president of the council of National Parks and a resident of the Lake District. Sir Chris has had several meetings with environment ministers.

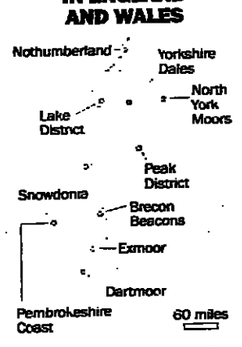
Other parks facing mounting congestion and pollution include the Peak District, Snowdonia, the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors. Apart from cars clogging up lanes and paths, environmentalists are concerned about the plethora of tourist and road signs, car parks, kerbs and lighting.

Paths leading from car-parks have become eroded and pollution levels are as high as in some urban areas. In 1996 more than a million visitors went to the North York Moors, 90 per cent by car.

However, local proposals to reduce motor access are being opposed by the tourist industry, which argues that a substantial income and thousands of jobs could be lost if these beauty spots were less accessible. They depend on city dwellers with holiday cottages, weekenders needing bed and breakfast and families buying food and drink. Cumbria Tourist Board says that the industry brings in £500 million a year and supports 26,000 jobs.

Angela Eagle, the Environment Minister, visited the Lake District last month. She is now finishing her report, which focuses on traffic congestion with suggestions on how access could continue with fewer motor cars.

Ideas under consideration include "through ticketing" from cities by train and then by bus to beauty spots; more "park and rides"; restricting certain roads to residential access; lower speed limits; pedestrian zones and cycle lanes; recommended coach routes and better bus services.



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Britons to flee as Eritrea war looms

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

FOREIGN nationals, including 120 Britons, were yesterday gathering at their embassies in preparation for an evacuation of the Eritrean capital Asmara, as the border conflict came close to all-out war with air raids which killed dozens and wounded hundreds.

The Foreign Office said that aircraft had been chartered to rescue British citizens and other Europeans from Asmara which was struck by two air raids at the airport and air force bases by Ethiopian jets. America and Germany also advised their citizens to leave.

The Eritreans struck inside Ethiopia with two waves of air attacks on Mekele which, Ethiopians said, left dozens dead and hundreds wounded. "The devastation in Mekele is very bad. The five hundreds (500 lb bombs carried by Soviet-built fighter bombers) did a lot of damage," an Ethiopian Foreign Ministry official said.

Eritrea called the air raids a "dramatic escalation in the conflict" as hopes for an American and Rwandan negotiated settlement to the dispute over scrubland along Eritrea's borders evaporated.

Alexander Last, an eyewitness to the Ethiopian attack on Asmara's military airfield, said: "So far as we can tell at least one person has been killed and four injured."

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VW wins Rolls

Volkswagen emerged victorious in the long-running battle for control of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. Its £430 million offer won the approval of shareholders ahead of a lower offer from BMW Page 27

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US dealer offers 'Hitler death pistol' for sale

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND ROGER BOYES

THE chaos of the last days in the Berlin bunker has obscured the fate of Hitler's personal pistols, the Walthers the Führer is said to have carried with him at all times in the final hours before his death.

Sometimes compared to Wagner's *Götterdämmerung*, the Twilight of the Gods, the final days have provoked decades of disagreement about how Hitler killed himself on April 30, 1945. He is said to have taken poison, to have shot himself, perhaps both. But now, as a new book answers some of the questions of Hitler's demise, a gun dealer in North Carolina is announcing the sale of two weapons purported to have played separate roles in his macabre death ceremony.

If the guns are genuine, a buyer will have the opportunity to own the pistol which took the life of the man who plunged Europe into war and is responsible for the terrors of the Holocaust. Cherry's Fine Guns, of Greensboro, is seeking bids of more than $3 million (£1.8 million) for the pair, one of which, a Walther PPK 7.65 calibre, is being auctioned as Hitler's suicide weapon.

The other, a Walther Special Model 8, 6.35 calibre, is offered as the gun used by Geli Raubal, Hitler's niece and lover, to commit suicide in 1931. This gun is also said to have been discovered in the bunker's private rooms where Hitler and Eva Braun made their bizarre suicide pact.

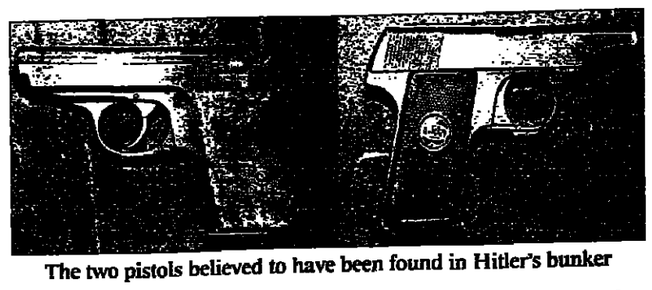
In the end, Hitler's new bride only took cyanide in the bunker but, according to *Hitlers Tod*, a new book by Ulrich Völklein, guns of both calibres were found in the rooms after the couple was discovered dead. Their bodies were later burnt on instructions from Hitler.

The author has perused the Soviet interrogation protocols of Otto Günsche, Hitler's adjutant, and Heinz Linge, his valet, through a dossier prepared for Stalin and through the first Soviet post mortem examination report on the charred corpses of Hitler and Braun.

The Soviet findings, discovered in Russian presidential archives, were then tested against the expertise of authorities such as Professor Klaus Püschel, a Hamburg pathologist and Hitler death specialist, and Lew Besymenski, a Russian historian.

In his testimony to Soviet interrogators, Günsche said that he, Linge and Martin Bormann entered the private rooms in the bunker when they smelt

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The two pistols believed to have been found in Hitler's bunker

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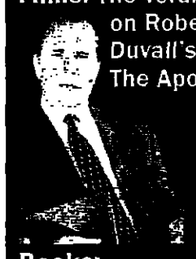
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Cash-hungry Tories raise charge for new members

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

TORY chiefs will approve a new £15 *minimum membership* fee next week, to try to raise £4.5 million a year to stave off the party's recurrent financial crises.

But the new fee will apply only to new members. Existing ones, who decide how much to give and can pay as little as 50p a year, will be spared the more businesslike new regime for at least two years. Until then, they will be allowed to *continue at their previous rate.* Labour charges £16.

Tory leaders are also preparing to put the former supermarket boss Archie Norman in charge of a shake-up at Conservative Central Office, which is likely to lead to fresh blood-letting.

The go-ahead for the party's first fixed subscription level is expected to be given at a meeting on Monday of its new 13-strong governing board, headed by Lord Parkinson, the party chairman. Mr Norman, a vice-chairman and MP for Tunbridge Wells, was the main architect of the restructuring of the Tory grassroots organisation completed earlier this year. He will now be asked to "modernise" Central Office and bring it into line with the revamped party. Jobs will be lost but others created in an exercise that is not intended to produce overall savings.

The Tories are currently close to their strict overdraft limit of £4 million, and remain in deep financial trouble after spending £38 million in the two years before the general election. Against the background of the inquiry by Lord Neill of Bladen, QC, into party funding, they fear that anonymous donations from private benefactors and declared gifts from companies will reduce sharply. Only by raising large sums from their members can they keep the party afloat.

Under the new rules, people will be able to join the Conservative Party either by contacting a central address and phone number, or by approaching their local association. In the past, it was not possible to join the party centrally. The new system will create a national register of members.

Monday's board meeting will have to decide how much money a local party can retain if it recruits a new member. The figure is likely to be 50 per cent. Equally, head office will have to hand over the same percentage of a membership fee to *the local association of a new* member. William Hague has set a target of *doubling membership to* 600,000 in the next two years, which would give a £4.5 million boost to *party coffers* as a whole.

Half of this — £2.25 million — would go towards Central Office's *running* costs of £10 million a year. At present, local parties hand over about £750,000. Job cuts of 40 to 50 in the autumn saved about £500,000 and reduced Central Office's staffing level to about 130 — its lowest for 40 years.

Ulster split over Bill on release of prisoners

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government sparked new debate about IRA disarmament yesterday when it published a Bill permitting the release of about 400 terrorist prisoners within two years as part of the peace accord.

The legislation reopened divisions within the Ulster Unionist Party, and fuelled the electoral battle between rival Unionist parties as the accord's supporters and opponents clashed over whether it made the releases contingent on disarmament.

The opponents plan to expose what they called the Government's "sleight of hand" by tabling amendments to make that linkage quite explicit as the Bill is rushed through Parliament this month.

An *Irish Times* poll showed strong support for the pro-accord Ulster Unionist Party ahead of the June 25 elections to Northern Ireland's new assembly, but Ian Paisley's anti-accord Democratic Unionist Party could yet rebound if the Government and UUP are perceived to be ducking the highly emotive issue.

At present few paramilitary organisations would pass the ceasefire tests. Security sources say the IRA continues to train, target and recruit. Republican and loyalist punishment beatings and kneecappings continue. Only the Ulster Volunteer Force has named a representative to liaise with the decommissioning body.

The Bill says no prisoner will be freed on licence unless a new sentence review body determines that he is no danger to the public and his paramilitary organisation is on "complete and unequivocal" ceasefire.

The Northern Ireland Secretary would "take into account" four factors in judging if a ceasefire was genuine. The organisation must be committed to democratic and peaceful means, it must not be involved *in violence or preparation for* violence, it must not be engaged in violence through *proxy organisations*, and must be "co-operating fully" with the international decommissioning body.

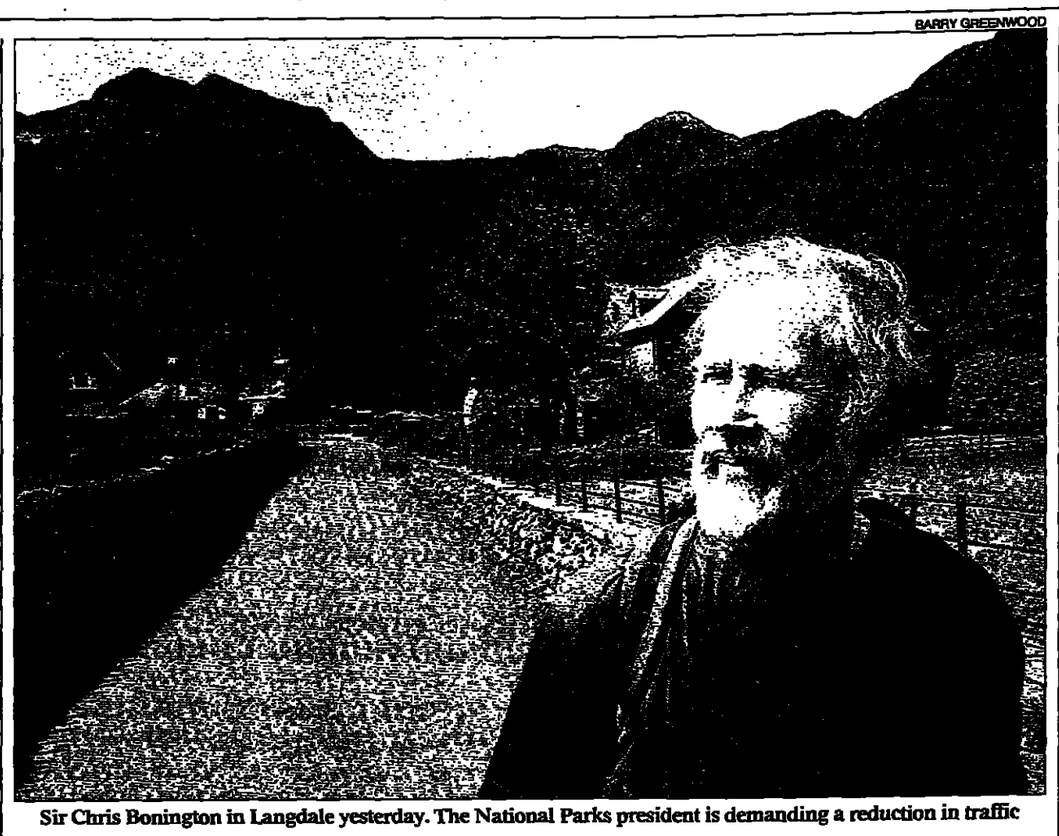
"There will be no general amnesty. The gates of the Maze prison will not suddenly be thrown open." Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, insisted.

David Trimble, the UUP leader, welcomed the Bill although he still wants to make it watertight. "Co-operating fully" clearly meant actual disarmament, he said. The accord "imposes on organisations an obligation ... to have that decommissioning completed within a two-year time span that parallels the two-year time span of the early release scheme".

But Jeffrey Donaldson, the UUP's official spokesman on the Bill, complained that it did not demand prior decommissioning so "clearly there will be prisoners released without a single bullet being handed over". It would also allow decommissioning to be sidelined, as it was throughout the Stormont talks, because it was only one of several criteria and would only be "taken into account".

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BARRY GREENWOOD



Sir Chris Bonington in Langdale yesterday. The National Parks president is demanding a reduction in traffic

Move to close private nursery

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE company that runs Britain's largest chain of private nurseries is facing a potentially damaging action to close of one of its branches over allegations that staff mistreated young children.

Social services officials in Enfield, North London, are seeking court permission to shut the Gatehouse Nursery and councillors will decide next week whether to withdraw its licence. An investigation was launched after allegations by former members of staff and student nursery nurses.

Gatehouse, which describes itself as Britain's leading childcare company, is owned by Whitbread. It has 27 nurseries, mainly in David Lloyd Centres, and is planning to expand.

Enfield first applied for a closure order six weeks ago but it was agreed that the nursery could stay open as long as Gatehouse removed five staff against whom allegations had been made. They were replaced by agency staff and social services officials were guaranteed right of entry to monitor standards.

The nursery strongly denies the claims made against it and is appealing against the proposal to remove its licence. Both sides said they were prevented by the legal proceedings from giving details of the allegations.

Skinner raises banner of revolt

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

DENNIS SKINNER, the veteran Labour leftwinger, announced yesterday that he was standing to become one of the three members of the party's National Executive Committee to be elected by its MPs and MEPs under reforms that come into effect this year.

Mr Skinner's move gives MPs the chance to rise up against the allegedly authoritarian party machine. There is outrage in the Parliamentary Labour Party at the attempt by the Whips' Office to influence the NEC election. The whips gave MPs forms telling them to nominate the MPs Clive Soley and Anne Begg and the MEP Pauline Green.

Mr Skinner has been elected to the NEC for many years as part of its constituency section, voted on to the committee by ordinary party members. But under a revamp that takes effect at this year's conference MPs will no longer be able to be elected through that section, and Mr Skinner had accepted that his chequered NEC career was over.

In today's Blairite PLP he might be considered to have little chance of winning. But there were signs last night that he might be able to capitalise on the reaction of some MPs against the fawning behaviour of many of the newly elected MPs. Mr Skinner said that he had had no intention of standing until the whips intervened.

Expert explains why he dismissed BSE discovery

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government's leading expert on brain disorders in animals admitted yesterday that he had failed to recognise the first case of "mad cow" disease when he was shown evidence of it 13 years ago.

Gerald Wells, head of neuropathology at the Central Veterinary Laboratory at Weybridge, Surrey, told the BSE inquiry in London that he only realised his mistake 21 months later. The crucial evidence, the importance of which Dr Wells failed to spot, was contained in a report shown to him in September, 1985, by Carol Richardson, a junior pathologist in his department.

Ms Richardson had diagnosed a case of "moderate spongiform encephalopathy" in the brain of a dairy cow. At the time Dr Wells dismissed the finding as inconclusive, and it was to be another 14 months before he acknowledged the existence of disease, and a further six months before he felt able to inform the Government's Chief Veterinary Officer.

Justifying the delay, Dr Wells said that "before there could be certainty that this was in fact a nationally important situation, there had to be evidence that cases (confirmed and suspected) were occurring over a wide geographical area".

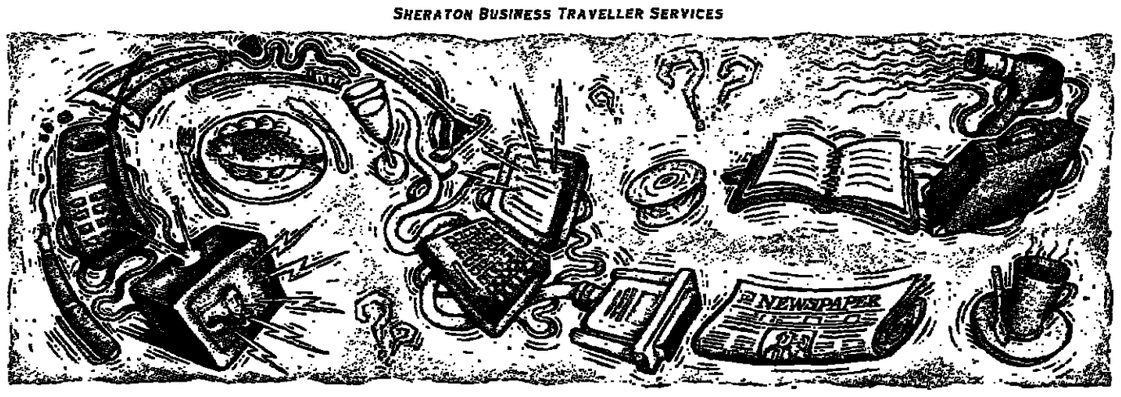
Ms Richardson, who worked at the central laboratory from 1967 to 1988, is to appear before the inquiry on Monday. She has already submitted written evidence recording her surprise that her superiors failed to act on her finding. In her evidence, she says she had never seen similar brain damage in a cow, but had often come across it in sheep suffering from scrapie, and had concluded that she seen the first case of "scrapie in a cow".

Dr Wells told the inquiry that the spongiform changes detected in the brain of the cow were not in themselves conclusive and could have been due to a variety of causes, including the ingestion of toxic substances.

There had been many other health problems in the herd in question, and "in the light of these factors the case in September 1985 did not at that *time suggest that a new disease had* been identified", he said.

The inquiry continues.

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'Hitler's pistols' go on sale in US

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gunpowder. Braun was lying on a sofa. Hitler's body was slumped over the right side of a chair.

"Blood was dripping from his right temple, a pool of blood was already on the carpet," Günsche said. "It was immediately apparent that he had shot himself from his own pistol, a PPK 7.65mm which eight days previously after an emotional conference he had taken out of his bedside table and carried with him constantly, loaded."

Linge said he had seen two pistols, the PPK 7.65 on the *floor to the right of Hitler, and* the 6.35 next to his left foot.

After burning the bodies, Günsche returned to the living quarters, according to a Soviet summary of testimony, where he found both pistols still on the floor. The 7.65 had discharged one bullet; the other was fully loaded.

He put both revolvers in his pocket and later gave them to a Lieutenant Hamann, the adjutant to Artur Axmann, head of the Hitler youth movement. The lieutenant apparently wished to keep the guns as relics.

It is uncertain whether the guns were passed to Axmann who was arrested by the Americans. More likely,



Hitler: found with blood dripping from temple

Hamann, like and most of the bunker's inhabitants, fell into Soviet hands. One account claims Stalin kept the 7.65 in his study.

Kevin Cherry, the American dealer, said the guns he is selling originated in Russia and were sold to a wealthy European family at the beginning of President Yeltsin's term in office.

"I know that money changed hands but I am not sure whether it was the Russian Government or a private individual who brokered the deal," he said. "Any buyer will be able to see documents of the guns' provenance, including infra-red documents showing proof of the Russian sale."

NEWS IN BRIEF

New hope of Louise Woodward retrial

The prospect of a retrial for Louise Woodward rose yesterday after the Massachusetts defence lawyers' association called for a urgent review of all criminal cases handled by the pathologist who gave evidence against the English nanny.

Gerald Feigin, resigned from the Boston Children's Hospital after committing a mistake that led to wrongful manslaughter charges being brought against another defendant. Dr Feigin performed the autopsy on Matthew Eappen, the baby who was judged to have died at Woodward's hands last February.

Woodward's appeal against a manslaughter conviction, secured mainly because of Dr Feigin's evidence, is currently being heard by the state supreme court.

Khashoggi and casino settle

The Ritz Casino in London reached a settlement yesterday in its £8 million High Court claim against the arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi for gambling debts run up 12 years ago. Neither side was prepared to disclose the details of the settlement. The court had heard that in 1986 Mr Khashoggi, now 63, wrote 16 cheques to the casino for £3.2 million, all of which bounced. Interest on the debt was estimated to be £5 million.

Banks tackles 'tight' Brown

Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, criticised the Treasury yesterday for taking too much tax out of National Lottery proceeds. Speaking during a Commons debate on sport, Mr Banks said he now believed that the slogan "It's You" referred to the Chancellor, "with his 12.5 per cent every week". Although noting that the level of tax had been set by the previous government, Gordon Brown, he said, was "notoriously tight" with the nation's resources.

World Cup ticket lawsuit dismissed

A court in Paris dismissed a lawsuit filed by 32 Euro MPs accusing the French World Cup organisers of breaking EU laws with a discriminatory system of ticket allocation. The Tribunal de Grande Instance ruled that although the distribution had been unfair, the case could not be heard on a legal technicality since the plaintiffs were not claiming personal damages, having not applied for tickets themselves, and the law could not act in the general interest.

Pupil stabbed in back at school

A 17-year-old boy was stabbed in the back by another pupil at the grant maintained Holy Trinity Senior School in Halifax, West Yorkshire. Andrew Smith was taken to the Royal Halifax Infirmary where his condition was described as "comfortable". West Yorkshire Police, who were called to the school at 11.50am, arrested another sixth former, also aged 17, in connection with the incident. He was still being questioned last night.

Biggin Hill pilot killed

A pilot was killed yesterday as his privately owned Hawker Hunter fighter jet crashed nose-down during an emergency landing at Dunsfold Aerodrome, near Godalming, Surrey. The unnamed pilot was found 40ft from the aircraft, wearing a parachute. He had been practising for the Biggin Hill International Air Fair in Kent, where a number of Hunters have been booked to take part in a display celebrating 80 years of the RAF.

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Mother is told girl's cross too Christian for grave

Jail for parents who kidnapped their daughter

Couple wanted to protect law student from her drug dealer boyfriend, reports Paul Wilkinson

AN ASIAN shopkeeper and his wife were jailed yesterday for their attempt to keep their daughter away from the evils of drugs. Mohammed Bashir and Sekina Khan drugged and kidnapped Rehana, 20, and were about to put her on a flight to Pakistan when they were caught.

The couple, who run a corner shop in Bradford, were distressed that their oldest child was in love with a drug dealer and was about to drop out of university.

Manchester Crown Court was told that they wanted her to stay with relatives in Pakistani Kashmir until she had "calmed down" sufficiently to return to Britain, where she was born, to continue studying.

Stuart Neale, for the mother, said: "This was not a cultural thing. These parents had adopted the English tradition. Unlike many families of their age and background they were prepared to pay for their daughter to be educated for a career.

"It is true that there was talk at one time of an arranged marriage, but that had been rejected; the girl had decided to follow the Western way.

"Their actions were not lawless or dishonest, they just show how much they loved their daughter."

Bashir, 45, and Khan, 40, admitted administering a noxious substance to their daughter on December 27 last year and kidnapping her. The court was told that tension between parents and daughter, who is now estranged from the family, began in October 1996 when she went up to Luton University to study law.

Before the end of her first term, word reached the family that she had moved into the home of a man who dealt in drugs. They then received a letter from the university saying that she was falling behind in her studies. Bashir borrowed £2,000 to buy her a computer to help her studies.

In January last year, they persuaded her to return home to discuss her situation. But Leslie Hull, for the prosecution, said that "the sojourn did not go well. There were rows and arguments."

At one point Rehana left in her parents' car, which was reported stolen. She was later convicted of driving without insurance. She returned to Luton and refused all pleas to meet her family.

Upkhdar Baiah, a solicitor representing the parents, said outside court that Bashir had been told that his daughter wanted to fly to Pakistan to marry her boyfriend, Parvez Anwar, 21.

Mr Baiah said that Bashir made inquiries about Anwar and learnt that he was known to Luton police. Anwar was later jailed for 21 months for possession of 2kg of cannabis.

"With this knowledge, they were at their wit's end," Mr Baiah said. "Eventually they accepted that they should allow their daughter to marry this man if that was her wish, but . . . but his parents wanted the girl to fly out alone to a region of Pakistan where much of the drugs entering Britain are produced."

When Rehana returned to Bradford for the funeral of her grandfather, she again refused to discuss her private life. Mr Hull told the court that the parents had acquired a tranquilliser, said by police outside court to be the so-called date-rape drug Rohypnol, which was given to the young woman in a drink.

When she passed out her parents took her by car to Manchester airport, where tickets for a flight to Pakistan had been booked for her and her mother. But as they checked in Rehana began to come round. Her parents told her that she was in hospital, but when she saw a sign for Airtours she realised what was happening.

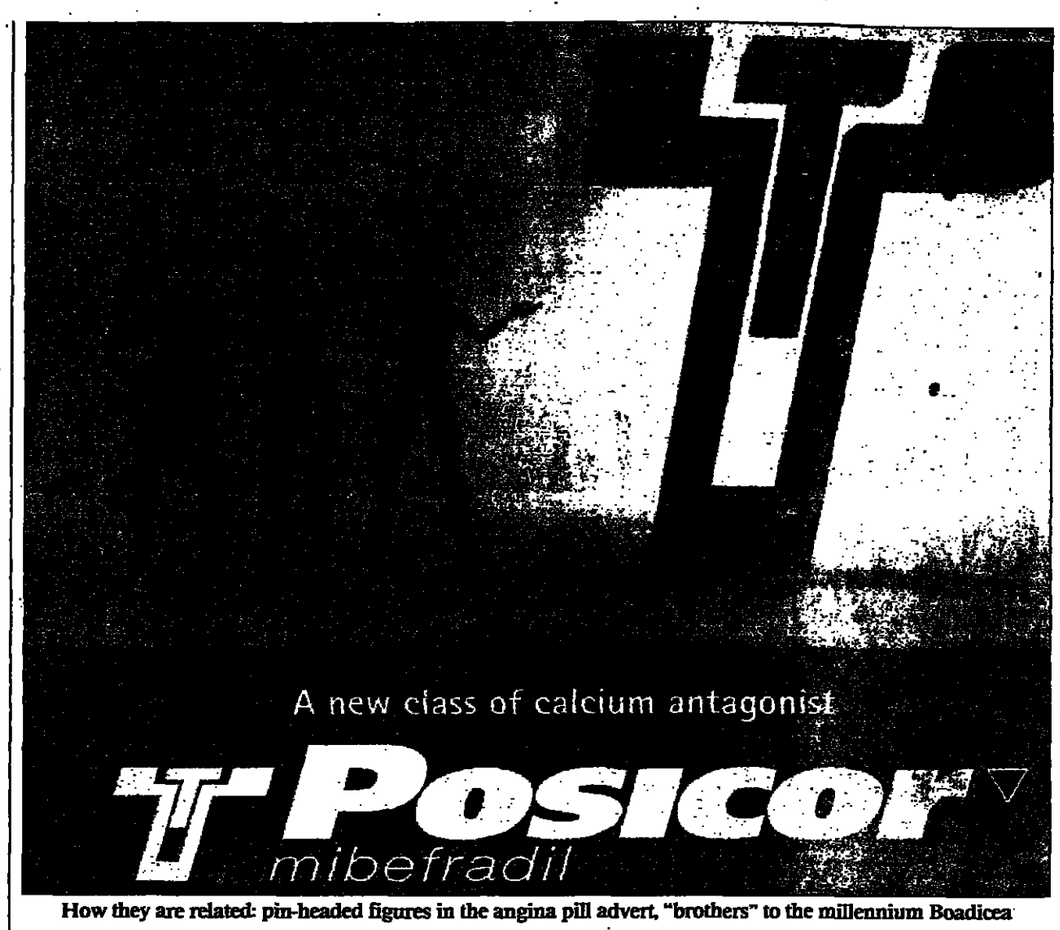
Although dazed, she began shouting and the police were called. Khan told them that her daughter was a drug addict.

The parents were arrested and admitted what they had planned. Mohammed Latif, for Bashir, said the tragedy of the case was that a father had lost his daughter. Judge Anthony Ensor jailed Bashir for two years. His lawyers said that they would appeal.

Jailing Khan for six months, the judge said she had subjected her daughter to a cruel and mean act. "It is claimed that it was done out of love, but there was evidence that the kidnap had been carefully preplanned," the judge said. The sentences would have been longer but for the effect it would have on their two sons, aged 14 and 17, and the shop.



Sekina Khan and Mohammed Bashir outside court



How they are related: pin-headed figures in the angina pill advert, "brothers" to the millennium Boadicea

Boadicea is big sister to hearty types on the pill

By Dominic Kennedy

IT WAS the image designed to symbolise Britain for the next thousand years. But yesterday the Millennium Dome became a laughing stock in hospitals throughout Britain as doctors, nurses and chemists easily recognised its new "Boadicea" symbol from a well-known advertisement for angina pills.

The artist, Mark Reddy, said his wife Kate, "a strong woman", had helped to inspire the Dome's £90,000 logo of an athletic, naked, long-legged redhead. Now it emerges that he has already used near-identical images to promote heart tablets.

Like "Boadicea", the characters in the glossy advertisements for Posicor pills have tiny heads, powerful shoulders, stand with their strapping thighs apart, and resemble bronze statues against a honey-coloured background.

There is an important difference. As one doctor put it in a call to *The Times*: "The figures in the advert each have a phallus." And "Boadicea" has been given a slimmer waist and bigger hips than the males.

The New Millennium Experience Company maintained that it knew about the advertisements for heart pills all along. "Had we commissioned work from Henry Moore or any top British sculptor or artist there would be a common visual style and people would identify it. The reason they know that this is Mark Reddy's work is because of the common visual clues."

Or, as one Dome worker put it, having seen Mr Reddy's portfolio: "He is very keen on big figures with small heads holding things."

The logo is only a small part of the work for the Dome by Mr Reddy, described by the Millennium organisers as a "top contemporary artist". He is also preparing icons for the 13 zones of the exhibition, with themes ranging from the human body to international finance. There are also plans for a lifesize version of the "Boadicea" statue at Greenwich.

The NMEC's contract experts knew that the image of the pinhead soldiers had been licensed for the heart pills advertising campaign in the medical trade press until this July. The Dome's organisers have sole rights to "Boadicea" herself.

Roche, which makes the drug, was happy yesterday. "She looks like the sister of the men in our advertisement," said a spokeswoman. "We don't have any problems with this. Our advertisement is aimed at health care professionals. I don't think anybody will confuse them."



"Boadicea": symbol for the new millennium

Car theft 'posse' took video of their exploits

By A Correspondent

A GANG stole dozens of expensive sports cars from their wealthy owners before filming themselves performing dangerous stunts in the vehicles, a court was told yesterday.

The eight-strong "Acocks Green Posse" signed up to an agreement binding them to a life of high-value car theft, Coventry Crown Court was told. Porsches, BMWs and limited edition sports cars were stolen from homes, five-star hotels and golf course.

The court was told how the gang were so brazen that they would cruise past police officers investigating their crimes while driving other stolen vehicles. Owners were threatened with violence.

The eight, aged between 18 and 30, have pleaded guilty to various burglary and theft charges, which police say involved 80 cars worth around £800,000. Peter Cook, for the prosecution, said car badges were taken from some of the most expensive vehicles and used as trophies by gang members.

Photographs were taken of smiling gang members as they sat in the stolen cars and the gang abbreviation AGP was often inscribed on the photograph over the number plate. Mr Cook said some of the photos were then sent to friends in jail to show off.

While one woman was playing tennis with friends the gang stole her BMW M3 worth around £40,000 which had a personalised number plate SUZI. One of the gang then wrote to a friend in prison telling him "I have SUZI, she's a high performer."

Mr Cook said the prisoner wrote back saying: "Don't worry, I'll have her too when I get out."

The court was told that the gang, one of whom included football player Jason Powell, 18, who had signed for Birmingham City FC, often used more common models such as Cavaliers or Corsas to ram-raid dealerships or take them to where more expensive vehicles were parked.

The eight will be sentenced on Monday.

Mother is told girl's cross too Christian for grave

By A Correspondent

A GRIEVING mother has been ordered to remove a cross from her child's grave — because it represents "excessive use of the Christian symbol". Patricia Gearing's seven-year-old daughter Lisa Woods lost a five-year fight against Batten's disease in January.

A cross was placed on the grave in Trusthorpe Cemetery, near Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, by undertakers until the Gearings could afford a headstone.

But councillors told Mrs Gearing to take it down, saying it contravened the Lincolnshire Diocese's regulations for churchyards. The rule says: "Crosses are discouraged, as excessive use of the supreme Christian symbol is undesirable."

The mother-of-three said yesterday: "It was upsetting, because the family was still recovering from losing Lisa. It just seems so ridiculous."

She claimed no one from Mablethorpe and Sutton-on-Sea Town Council had been prepared to discuss the matter with either her or husband, Carl, 28. "They contacted the funeral directors, who told us that it would have to come down. It's a terribly insensitive way to deal with people who are bereaved," she said.

The family have now applied for permission to erect a headstone featuring Mickey Mouse, which the council said was likely to be accepted.

Alan Rogers, town clerk for the council, insisted yesterday: "We follow the rules set by the diocese, which discourages the use of crosses."

But the Bishop of Lincoln's personal assistant, Canon Raymond Rodger, last night backed the Gearings' fight. "The diocese has no say over how local authority graveyards are run. I've been a vicar for 34 years, and I would have left well alone in this case," he said.

Foster father 'did not check Billie-Jo's pulse before calling 999'

By Joanna Bale

THE foster father accused of murdering Billie-Jo Jenkins did not check to see if she was alive before making a call to the emergency services, a court heard yesterday.

The prosecution yesterday produced the transcripts of two calls that Sion Jenkins made to the ambulance service after the 13-year-old was discovered lying blood-stained at the family home in Hastings. Mr Jenkins, 40, denies battering Billie-Jo to death with a metal tent peg.

The transcripts include the words of Denise Franklin, a neighbour alerted by Mr Jenkins, who was overcome with emotion yesterday at Lewes Crown Court as she described finding Billie-Jo's body.

In the first transcript, Mr Jenkins admits that he has not checked whether Billie-Jo is breathing. In the second, he admits that he has not checked for a pulse. The operator asks him to do so, and Mrs Franklin then picks up the telephone, saying: "This is a total, total emergency."

Operator: "We realise that and the ambulance is on its way."

Mrs Franklin: "Her pulse is very, very faint."

Operator: "So she has got one?"

Mrs Franklin: "I think so. She's slightly warm and yet she may have lost it by now . . . Have you got a paramedic coming? Her skull is just smashed."

Operator: "What's happened to her?"

Mrs Franklin: "She's fallen over."

Operator: "She's fallen over and she's got that injury?"

Mrs Franklin later described being called by Mr Jenkins, who told her that there had been an "accident" and that he did not know what to do. She found Billie-Jo dead on the patio in the back garden next to the French windows. Mrs Franklin then ran to Mr Jenkins, who was comforting his natural daughters, Annie, 12, and Lottie, 10, in another room. His wife Lois was out with their other two daughters at the time and unaware of the incident.

Mrs Franklin said she asked whether Mr Jenkins had stressed that a paramedic was needed, prompting him to dial 999 once again. She took the receiver to urge them to hurry, and told the court that she had lied to the ambulance service, telling them she had felt a pulse. "I know I wasn't telling the truth, I suppose I just felt that they would come quicker."

Mrs Franklin described how Annie and Lottie noticed the ambulance driving past the window and ran out screaming. She said: "They thought it had gone past so they ran out to tell the ambulance where we were, and Sion went out with them."

While the ambulancemen attended to Billie-Jo's body, Mr Jenkins asked Mrs Franklin to go upstairs with the girls. Later, he came up and asked to see her in a separate room, where he told her that Billie-Jo was dead. She said she hugged him and noticed that although he was not crying, he had tears in his eyes.

Later that evening, Mr Jenkins and his family went to Mrs Franklin's flat before staying the night with another neighbour. As they were leaving to walk to the neighbour's house, Mr Jenkins twice refused to wear a fleece jacket that he had arrived in.

The court has heard that the jacket was later found to have tiny traces of Billie-Jo's blood on it.

The trial continues.

THE EMERGENCY CALLS

In Mr Jenkins's first emergency call, the operator asks him what has happened. He replies: "I really don't know. My daughter's fallen or she's got head injuries. There's blood everywhere."

Operator: Is your daughter conscious? Mr Jenkins: No, she's not conscious.

Operator: Is she breathing all right? Mr Jenkins: I don't know, I haven't looked.

Operator: Did this happen when you were out of the house, then? Mr Jenkins: Yes, I have just got back.

Operator: So you don't know how long ago? Mr Jenkins: I don't know; well, in the last half an hour, three-quarters of an hour.

The operator then tells him to put Billie-Jo in the recovery position and tilt her head back, and to ring back if she is not breathing.

Eight minutes later he calls again and says: "I have got to have someone now. It's serious."

Operator: The ambulance is on its way. Is she breathing all right? Mr Jenkins: No.

Operator: Where's the blood coming from? Mr Jenkins: Head, mouth.

Operator: You need to make sure that it's not blocking her mouth so that she doesn't choke . . . Have you put her on her side? Mr Jenkins: Yes.

Operator: Have you tried to find a pulse in the neck? Mr Jenkins: No.


Jenkins: transcripts of calls played to court

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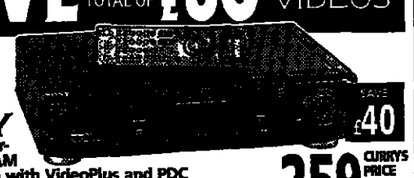
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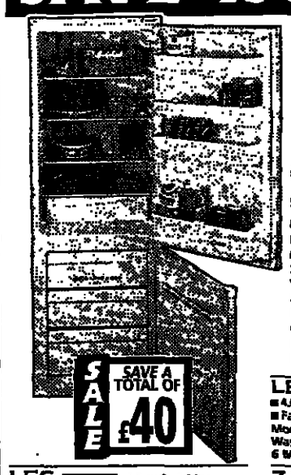
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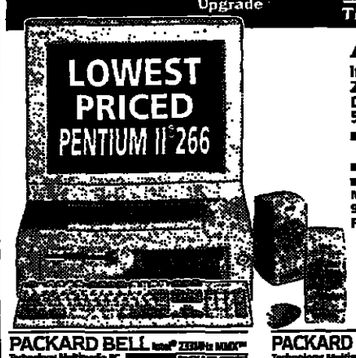
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Photographers face witnesses on Diana crash

Ben Macintyre on the French magistrate's move to resolve discrepancies in the evidence

THE magistrate probing the death of the Princess of Wales yesterday subjected each of the photographers under investigation to an intense grilling by witnesses who arrived at the scene moments after the crash in a Paris underpass.

Hervé Stéphan called yesterday's meeting — known as *a confrontation in French law* — to explore and if possible eliminate discrepancies between testimonies, most notably between the witness accounts and the versions given by the nine photographers and motorcycle driver under investigation for suspected manslaughter and failure to help persons in danger.

The photographers, who pursued the Princess and Dodi Fayed from the Ritz, insist they were far behind when the crash occurred. One by one, they were called to give evidence before a bank of witnesses, lawyers and civil plaintiffs, including Mohamed Al Fayed, father of Dodi, and Frances Shand Kydd, the Princess's mother, in a special court normally set aside for auctions of seized property.



Hervé Stéphan: chance for intense questioning

Each photographer was instructed to recount his version of events, and M Stéphan then asked witnesses to compare the testimony with their own recollections before presenting questions or challenging the various accounts.

The photographers were asked to describe the pursuit of the Princess's car, their whereabouts when the crash occurred and their actions in the immediate aftermath.

According to one of the witnesses, Clifford G, a chauffeur, a scuffle broke out between photographers at the scene when one, who had already taken his own photographs, tried to prevent one of his colleagues from doing likewise.

Outside the court, Nicolas Arsov, one of the photographers, said he was irritated by having to face eye-witnesses and repeat his account: "It's the fortieth time we've answered the same questions. It's annoying, but what can you do? They have to do their job."

William Bourdon, M Arsov's lawyer, has said that if manslaughter charges are eventually filed against the photographers, he would press to have these extended to the security team at the Ritz.

Henri Paul, the hotel's deputy security director who also died in the crash, and whose parents were present at yesterday's hearing, was not qualified to drive the Mercedes limousine carrying the Princess and was later found to have been three times over the legal alcohol limit for driving.

Judicial sources say that if M Stéphan opts to press charges, these are more likely to be under France's so-called "Good Samaritan law" — failing to help — than the more serious charge of manslaughter, and hence his emphasis on finding out precisely what the photographers did or failed to do at the scene of the crash.

Sources close to the investigation say that some witnesses, including the first two policemen to arrive at the scene, have claimed that photographers impeded rescue efforts.

Jean-Marc Cobblence, a lawyer who is representing the photographer Romuald Rat, said that the gruelling day-long session was intended to flesh out the investigators' dossier and to show that every avenue had been thoroughly explored.

"Everybody is sticking to their stories. There have been no great bones of contention. The judge is going through everything stedily, point by point," M Cobblence said.

Asked about why police had failed to find a mysterious white Fiat Uno that may have played a crucial role in the accident, M Cobblence said: "There is no great mystery. The Fiat Uno exists, we just don't have it.

"Imagine you were in the Fiat Uno ... You have two choices: you could go to the police or you could think, 'I don't want this attention', and put the car in a lake."





Mohamed Al Fayed, who yesterday accused Frances Shand Kydd of taking on royal airs and failing as a mother

Sacked rabbi linked to missing books

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A SACKED senior rabbi and religious judge faces investigation by Scotland Yard over allegations that rare Hebrew books worth up to £500,000 have gone missing from a library of religious tomes.

Yesterday the United Synagogue, representing 70 synagogues, confirmed that the Metropolitan Police had been asked to investigate the disappearance of books and documents from the library of the London Beth Din. The Beth Din is a religious court which arbitrates on disputes ranging from kosher food to divorces.

The police were called in following the sacking of Dayan Cariel Kaplin as a consultant to the court, which is run by the United Synagogue. The dayan, 66, was a full-time member of the court from 1976 to 1994 and then became a part-time member and consultant until he was dismissed last month.

A spokesman for the synagogue said that after the discovery that books and papers had gone missing a "substantial number" were recovered and a sum of compensation has been received from Dayan Kaplin in payment for the books that had so far not been recovered. His contract was also terminated.

The spokesman could not say how many books were involved or the value of the books but the *Jewish Chronicle* reported the total value at up to £500,000. The synagogue has also called in experts in rare jewish books and the antique world to hunt for the volumes which are still missing.

The spokesman said: "There is no reason to believe any other person in the employment of the United Synagogue or in any way connected with the London Beth Din whether in the past or present is involved."

Dayan Kaplin, from Golders Green in north London, is a noted collector of Jewish books in his own right. Yesterday a member of his household said he was unable to comment but might do so later.

Unlikely in-laws who came from different worlds

Alan Hamilton compares the lives of Frances Shand Kydd and Mohamed Al Fayed

THERE are two big differences in the backgrounds of Frances Shand Kydd and Mohamed Al Fayed; one is a matter of class, and the other is a question of proof.

The provenance of the mother of Diana, Princess of Wales, is proven in *Debrett's Peerage*. She was born the Hon Frances Ruth Burke Roche in 1933, the daughter of the 4th Baron Fermoy.

The Fermoys were a staunch English Protestant family, and Mrs Shand Kydd's father was a Norfolk Tory MP before succeeding to his title. Mrs Shand Kydd has become a Roman Catholic. Her mother, Ruth, Lady Fermoy, was a lady-in-waiting to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and one of her closest friends. Lady Fermoy helped engineer her daughter's first marriage in 1954 to Johnnie Althorp, heir to the earldom of Spencer.

However, the couple divorced when Diana was seven. Earl Spencer won the custody battle, and his ex-wife retreated to a remote Scottish island with her new husband, the wallpaper magnate Peter Shand Kydd, from whom she is now also divorced.

Little so definite is known about the early life of Mohamed Al Fayed. He used to say he was from an exceedingly well-to-do family in Alexandria, a dynasty used to hobnobbing with sultans and which had extensive interests in land, industry, hotels and shipping.

He was said to have been sent to the British-run Victoria College in Alexandria, where he had a thoroughly English education. But when the Department of Trade and Industry published its 752-page report in 1990 on Mr Al Fayed's takeover of Harrods, he was discovered to be the son of a primary school teacher from a poor quarter of Alexandria.

After leaving the local school, Mohamed worked as a sewing machine salesman. His break came when he met Adnan Khashoggi, who was looking for help to run his furniture import business in Saudi Arabia. Mohamed went on to marry the boss's daughter.

He then adoped the prefix Al, which is supposed to sound like an honorific but is meaningless, the DTI concluded.

In 1983 Mr Al Fayed, by now fairly wealthy, became a negotiator for the Sultan of Brunei, then the richest man in the world. From that, the DTI concluded, he acquired the money to buy Harrods.

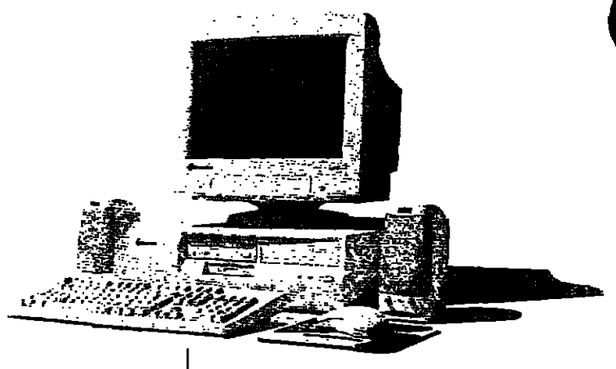
In an ITV documentary this week, Mr Al Fayed repeated his claim that his son Dodi and the Princess were about to become engaged, and that their death in a Paris underpass was the result of a murder conspiracy.

Until yesterday, Mr Al Fayed and Mrs Shand Kydd had had no contact since the funeral. Mrs Shand Kydd has often repeated her belief that her daughter's death was no more than an accident, and asked Mr Al Fayed not float conspiracy theories.

Mr Al Fayed, the eldest of three brothers, has been unable to acquire British citizenship. He has made it into *Who's Who*, but is still a long way from *Debrett's*.

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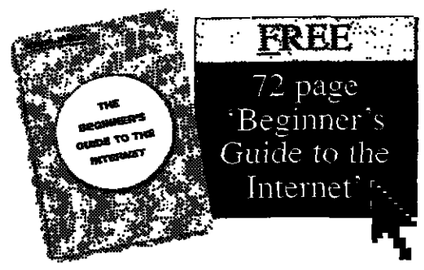
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Equality time for fathers

Alexandra Frean reports on efforts to encourage men to take a significant part in the full-time job of parenthood

SWEDEN may offer a lesson in *fatherhood for nappy-shy British men, who too often subject their partners to a life of hard labour after the hardship of labour.*

Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, is exploring ways to encourage fathers to take a more active role in the upbringing of their children. Inspiration has come from Sweden, which is conducting trials of men-only *antenatal classes and has started* a campaign to persuade men to take more paternity leave.

The aim — discussed behind closed doors at a summit meeting *of EU women's ministers in* Belfast last month — is to find ways of tackling what many regard as the last political frontier: equality in the home, not just in the workplace.

Swedish ministers believe that women will never have equality *in society unless they include men* in the debate about how to achieve it. The advertisements for the paternity leave campaign — one of which shows a burly wrestler holding his toddler aloft — are aimed at making men feel more valued as fathers.

Swedish parents are entitled to 12 months' parental leave, shared between the mother and father. *At present most fathers take only* one month and the mother takes the rest. Ulrica Messing, Minister for Equality Affairs, wants men and women to take six months each. The campaign has been backed by a pilot education project in five counties with men-only *antenatal classes, teaching* them about the responsibilities and rewards that come with being a father.

"The goal was not only to make the man take more parental leave but to change their attitude towards their family and family responsibilities," Ursula Berge, political adviser to Ms Messing, says. "A lot of the discussion about how women can combine work and family life puts the responsibility for solving the problem onto the woman. But our minister thinks we should involve men in *finding the solution.*"

Ms Harman, who is also Minister for Women, said yesterday that she would be watching the success of the Swedish experiment. *"The issue of changing* attitudes through government leadership is interesting."

She said that there was a growing tension in the lives of many couples who worked full-time because the woman was still expected to do the lion's share of childrearing.

The introduction of one week's statutory paid paternity leave — a proposal revealed by government sources in *The Times* — would be a big help, she said. In addition to satisfying fathers' demands to have more time with their children, it could help them to accept their responsibilities as a parent, especially in the event of marriage breakdown.

Adrienne Burgess, an author and a Fellow of the Institute for Public Policy Research, a left-wing think-tank, said that mothers tended to exclude men by taking control of all parenting functions because they felt that *they knew best how to do them.*

She added that fathers who did try to be more active often encountered discrimination. "We have spent a fortune for women and women's rights. Why should we not have a little drop in the ocean to help men to exert their *rights to be fathers?*"



"Grandmother and Linda checking up on me" — the Swedish campaign aims to make fathers feel more valued



"Housework's a doddle. I don't know what takes women so long"

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Sharing the washing-up duties is not good enough, say politicians

Funds promised to train 1,000 extra doctors

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is prepared to fund an extra 1,000 training places for doctors, Alan Milburn, the Health Minister, said yesterday.

Addressing the British Medical Association's junior doctors' conference in London, Mr Milburn said that increasing the number in training would eventually lead to more consultant posts. The funding will be part of the multimillion-pound plan to modernise the National Health Service.

With opinion polls showing that the main source of public criticism of the Government is concern about the NHS, it was clear from Mr Milburn's speech that significant extra funding is going to be found for it. Details will not be announced until the Government's comprehensive spending review has been concluded.

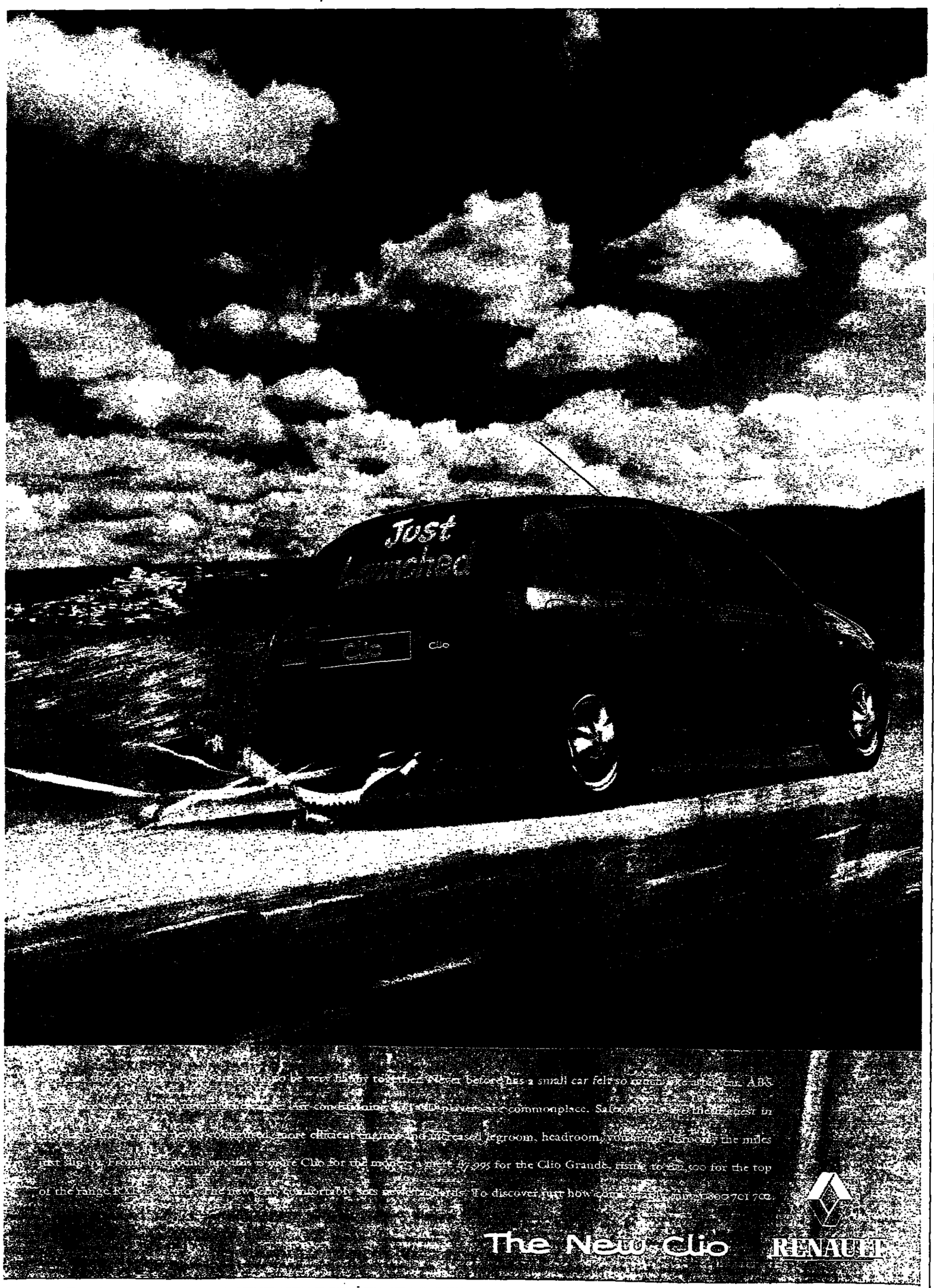
"In just one year we have found an extra £2 billion for the NHS," he said. "On top of that we have started the biggest new hospital programme that the NHS has ever seen, with 30 new hospitals worth £2.5 billion due to come on stream in the next few years. These investments represent the first instalment to make good our manifesto pledge that the money will be there for the health service this year, next year, every year."

It costs £250,000 to train each student over a five-year course, so the commitment to fund 1,000 extra places will cost the NHS £50 million a year, excluding the money that would be needed to set up a new school that might be needed to accommodate the extra students.

More qualified doctors are urgently needed. There are already 1,000 vacancies in the profession with another 4,000 GPs scheduled to retire in the next five years. Many hospital consultants are choosing to take early retirement.

The shortage is exacerbated by the fact that many of those qualifying are women who want to start a family and for a number of years will work only part-time. With the European Union's Working Time Directive expected to reduce junior doctors' hours to 48 a week, things will become even more difficult.

Mr Milburn, who had been expected to be given a hostile reception, instead won a standing ovation.



Jury clears man over 'medicinal' cannabis

Acquittal of father who used drug to alleviate back pain may hasten legalisation, writes **Russell Jenkins**

A MAN who admitted smoking cannabis to relieve chronic back pain has been cleared by a jury at Manchester Crown Court of any drug offence.

The jury acquitted Colin Davies, 30, a former joiner, from Brinnington, Manchester, after he told them that he smoked four home-grown joints a day instead of taking legally prescribed painkillers.

Mr Davies, who has two children and who defended himself, began cultivating cannabis plants in his flat after breaking his back when he fell 60 feet from a bridge near his home in Stockport four years ago.

He survived after lengthy treatment in hospital but now walks with a limp and is constant pain. He said the various treatments prescribed by doctors prompted spasms and sickness and he had turned to the drug in desperation.

Police arrested him last November, seizing 18 cannabis plants hidden behind a partition in his bedroom, but a jury took only 40 minutes to find him not guilty of cultivating cannabis under the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act.

Mr Davies said outside court that he intended to carry on smoking cannabis. "I felt fantastic that the jury had listened to me. It was a just verdict," he said.

"It is a mistake when even the BMA [British Medical Association] has said the police and courts should think before prosecuting people for using cannabis on medical grounds."

Matthew Atha, principal consultant of the Independent Drugs Monitoring Unit and one of three medical experts called upon by Mr Davies to provide evidence, said the verdict would bring closer the day when cannabis use for medical purposes is legalised.

He said: "The priority is to make sure those with legitimate medical reasons are not turned into criminals. A not guilty verdict means the jury thinks the law is an ass and they are more sensitive to the needs of people who need to use cannabis for medical reasons than the Government."



Judge Barry Woodward warned Mr Davies

Mr Davies's solicitor, James Riley, described the case as ground-breaking. "It will heap further pressure on the Government to follow recommendations from the BMA to allow the prescription of cannabis to aid the treatment of chronic pain," he said.

At the start of the one-day hearing Ian Metcalfe, for the prosecution, said Mr Davies knew what he was doing was illegal and told the jury: "You have taken an oath to give a true verdict according to the law. That is all the Crown asks. You have a duty to return a guilty verdict."

However, Mr Davies said that large intakes of prescribed paracetamol and codeine provoked spasms that left him hospitalised. He had read about cannabis as a pain reliever and decided to buy some from a street dealer.

He said he did not like doing this so he decided to try growing his own plants at home, purely for his own use for the purposes of pain relief. "I chose something else out of desperation," Mr Davies said. "I am offering a defence of necessity. What choice did I have? The only choice from doctors is more pain killers."

Brian Todd, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon, confirmed in a statement that Mr Davies suffered multiple spinal injuries and rib fractures, spending two months in hospital.

Allan Gilman, his family doctor, said in a statement that he had seen Mr Davies move into spasm because of the pain on several occasions. He remained in extreme difficulty and had been referred to a pain clinic, he said.

Mr Atha, who has been invited to give evidence to a House of Lords Select Committee inquiry into cannabis use, told the jury that a BMA report published last November had called for the rescheduling of cannabis to allow for the drug to be made available for chronic pain relief.

After the verdict Mr Davies asked whether the confiscated cannabis plants could be returned. Judge Barry Woodward told him that he should look to his solicitor for advice.

"If you cultivate cannabis again and come before the courts, another jury may return a different verdict," the judge said.

Cultivation of cannabis attracts a maximum sentence of 14 years imprisonment, but Home Office guidelines suggest a fine of up to £5,000 for those who grow small quantities for personal use.

A spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service said: "We prosecute the law as it is, not as it may be in the future."

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Colin Davies, who admitted growing plants and smoking four joints a day

Doctor is fined for pestering women

BY GILLIAN HARRIS
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY doctor who propositioned young female patients in his surgery was fined £1,500 yesterday after being found guilty of improper conduct.

James Hammond, 52, from Erskine, Renfrewshire, will now face a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing which could result in him being struck off.

Paisley Sheriff Court was told that the GP, who had been in practice for 20 years, kissed a 16-year-old girl and asked her to dinner, told another teenager that he wanted to make love to her and predicted to another patient that they would have sex.

Sheriff David Pender said: "You appear to be attracted to young, female patients some of whom were fairly vulnerable. You ought to have known better. You let them down."

Earlier a 20-year-old said that four years ago she had made an appointment to ask for the contraceptive pill. Hammond asked if she had a boyfriend, adding: "I want to be your first. I'm serious. I want to make love to you."

Another patient, a 22-year-old mother, described Hammond as "pestering and overbearing". She said he arrived uninvited at her home and asked her out.

Hammond, who qualified in 1970, pleaded not guilty to seven breach of the peace charges. He was acquitted on one.

Nutrition researchers fear lean times ahead

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

AS OBESITY threatens to become an epidemic across the western world, the Medical Research Council has been accused of abandoning a 60-year commitment to nutritional research.

Staff at the Dunn Nutrition Centre in Cambridge have been told that the MRC will no longer support their work once a new director, John Walker, takes over on October 1.

Dr Walker is a distinguished scientist who shared last year's Nobel Prize for chemistry. Equipment recently installed at a cost of more than £1 million will be taken out and the laboratories re-equipped for his research, which is only distantly related to nutrition.

The chief executive of the MRC, Professor George Radda, has been challenged by top nutritionists to defend the changes, and will do so at a meeting with 20 professors of nutrition next month.

Yesterday he denied the changes would dilute the MRC's commitment to nutritional research. "The overall direction of the laboratory will be somewhat changed, but the best scientists will continue to be supported by the MRC. The nutritionists are worrying unnecessarily. Our commitment to nutrition will be bigger than ever before," he said.

Professor Radda said a search for a nutritionist to head the unit had failed to find anybody "of sufficient calibre", so the decision had been made to appoint Dr Walker, whose expertise is in the molecular mechanisms of energy in cells.

The explanation did not convince staff at the Dunn, or experts outside it. Professor Christine Williams, of Reading University, said the changes proposed by the MRC were a surprise.

The Dunn is the second oldest of the MRC's laboratories. In recent years it has done important work in understanding problems of obesity, and studying the links between health and diet.

A review of the laboratory's work carried out last year found some areas of criticism but favourably rated the centre as a whole. Professor Williams said: "The people involved in that review are horrified that it is now being used to justify withdrawing research support from so many people," she said.

The MRC has moved to stem the criticism by appointing Sheila Bingham, a nutritionist, as deputy director. But many of the Dunn's best-known scientists, who have a worldwide reputation, are expected to look elsewhere for work.



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Cuts 'raise risk posed by sex offenders'

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PLEDGES to protect the public from sex offenders are at risk because of cash cuts, probation officials said yesterday.

Howard Lockwood, chairman of the Association of Chief Probation Officers, wrote to all MPs saying that current staff levels would not be able to meet new demands, including increased supervision of sex offenders released from prison. This would require an extra 600 staff, according to Home Office estimates.

Over the past three years, the service has lost 1,500 staff and numbers are now down to the levels of 1971. Annual budgets would need £32 million extra to offset cuts in recent years and maintain current work.

Speaking on Radio 4's *Today* programme, Mr Lockwood said: "We are just beginning to issue redundancy notices to frontline staff. That's a huge mistake when we are taking on new work."

Joyce Quin, the Home Office minister for the Probation Service, said: "We are very conscious of the tasks that the service has to fulfil in the context of the legislation, particularly those elements of the legislation which are concerned with public safety."

Earlier this week, the Audit Commission said that new crime and disorder legislation could fail because many agencies were ill-prepared to meet new demands in coping with young offenders.

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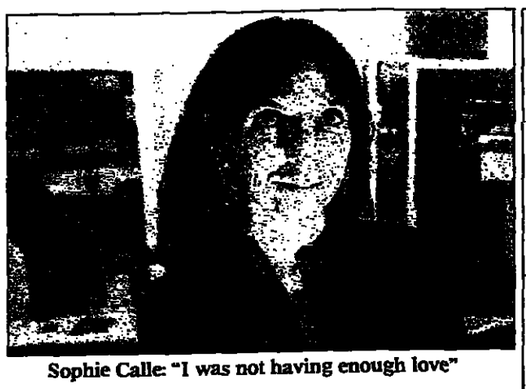
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Sophie Calle: "I was not having enough love"

All her birthdays have come at once

PAUL ROGERS



Pictures from a self-exhibition: the French artist Sophie Calle has put 13 years of untouched presents on display at the Tate in a show called *The Birthday Ceremony*

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

FOR years she asked her friends for birthday presents as tokens of their love when she was feeling insecure after a marriage break-up. But the chocolates were never eaten, the flowers never jettisoned as their blooms faded.

Sophie Calle, a French artist, was more interested in using them to make an exhibition of herself. Now that interest has its own reward — the Tate Gallery in London is to display 13 years of Ms Calle's pristine presents in what it calls the "residue of a performance".

Ms Calle, born in 1953, whose previous works have included following an unsuspecting member of the public for three weeks, is exhibiting presents received from friends between 1980 and 1993. Although her career was flourishing by the time she turned 40 and that need for reassurance had passed, the gifts still did not go to waste. Everything, however banal or bizarre, has been laid out in cabinets — one for each year — in *The Birthday Ceremony*.

Simon Wilson, the Tate's curator of interpretation, exclaimed: "It's magical, a most wonderful installation. It's amazing, just like an Aladdin's cave. There are hundreds of gifts. Years ago she started having birthday dinners, inviting her friends with numbers corresponding to her age. It was a kind of ritual, performance art. This is a residue of a performance."

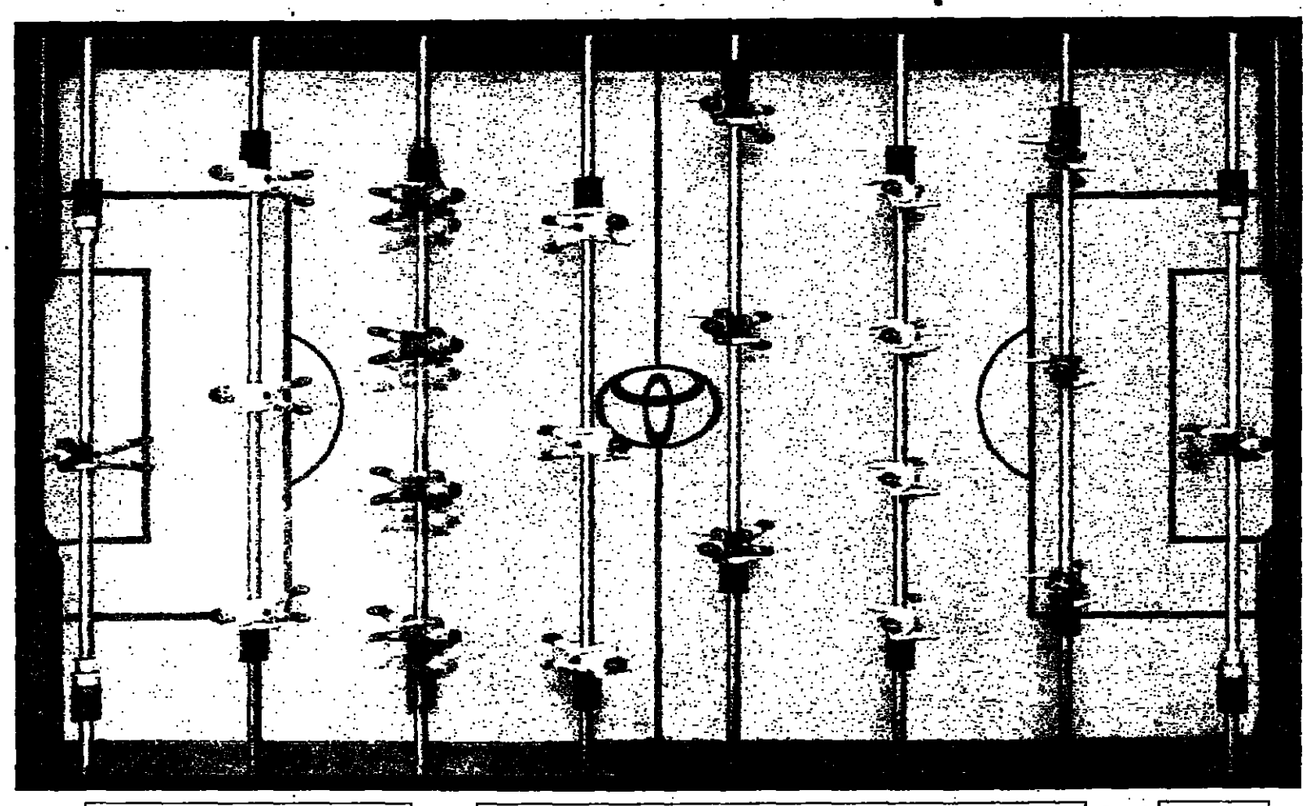
He expressed excitement at the range of objects: old books, tapes, a matador's sword and a huge kitsch figure of an angel. Objects — including some said to have been stolen from a restaurant — have been arranged so that they take on new meanings, he said. The catalogue says: "Encased behind glass, they become objects of magnetic desire and frustration to the viewer, who cannot hold, cannot taste, cannot unwrap."

Ms Calle, who lives in France and New York, said that each year she would display the presents at home. "In the beginning I did it because I was feeling insecure and I wanted to organise a ritual. Initially, I was not having enough love. When I turned 40 and life became easier, I didn't need that." Each dinner party was also attended by one "anonymous guest in order to symbolise the unknown of her future".

Her previous works have included following a man through the streets of Venice for three weeks, "everywhere he went". When she finally confronted him "he was not happy", she said, explaining that she had begun following people "to see where they were going and to give direction to my day".

Photographs of the man became the art. Other works have involved her spying into occupied hotel rooms; contacting people whose names were listed in a diary that she found; and getting her mother to hire a private detective to follow the artist herself and record her every movement.

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Model dropped 'because of his manner not his sex'

AN ART teacher at a college accused of sex discrimination yesterday told an industrial tribunal that he did prefer to use women rather than men as models in his classes.

But Terry Raybould, who works at Northampton College, said his preference was purely for artistic reasons and had nothing to do with sexual prejudice. He was replying to allegations made by a male model, George Bond, 54, who has accused the college of discrimination.

Mr Raybould, an art teacher for 30 years, said women tended to be more flexible and their skin reflected and absorbed light better. "They can take up more difficult poses than men and they can hold them for longer," he told the tribunal in Bedford.

"I would choose to paint a horse rather than a donkey because horses are more flexible and do more different things than donkeys. It does not mean to say I do not like donkeys or am discriminating against donkeys." Mr Raybould said that he had stopped using Mr Bond because of the model's behaviour in class. "I find his manner abrasive and aggressive. That is the only reason for my decision not to use him; not because he is a man."



Bond: criticised for being abrasive and inflexible

Mr Raybould said one student had complained about Mr Bond's behaviour and had said he would not attend classes if Mr Bond continued to model. "The complaint was that Mr Bond was rude and discourteous to me and created tension in the class," Mr Raybould said.

When the hearing began last month, one of the allegations made by Mr Bond was that some students used art classes as an excuse to look at naked men and women. Mr Raybould said yesterday: "That is a disgraceful allegation to make. The students come to draw. They come to paint. They come to look and learn from drawing."

Steve Wenham, another art teacher at Northampton College, told the tribunal that Mr Bond was difficult to work with. "He appeared to find long poses difficult and claimed he had an injury that prevented him from doing anything too dynamic."

Mr Bond has complained that the college gave him only 68 hours of work out of a possible 1,260 during eight years. The hearing continues.

Ireland salmon catches halved

BY AUDREY MAGEE
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

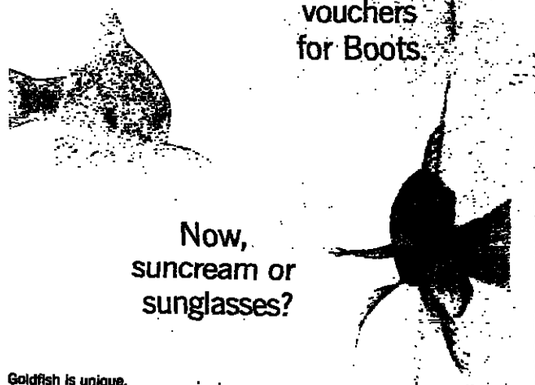
SALMON fishing in Ireland may being disappearing. A continuing decline has seen spring catches fall by half compared with last year, threatening the £30 million angling tourism industry.

Pollution, global warming and fish farming are blamed. Eamon Gilmore, the former junior Marine Minister who set up a task force to examine the threat in 1996, says: "There is a real danger that wild salmon will become an absolute rarity in Ireland, if something radical is not done quickly."

In the 1970s, 2,000 tonnes of Irish wild salmon were caught by anglers and commercial fishermen, compared with the current annual average of 570 tonnes. Numbers of spring salmon returning from the North Atlantic to spawn have fallen by half, and fears are now rising that the numbers of year-old grilse returning from the Faroe Islands this month will be sharply down.

The trend follows the pattern in Scotland, Norway and Canada. Scientists believe global warming partly explains the decline: spring salmon feeding in waters around Greenland are dying as the melting polar caps chill their feeding grounds.

Driftnet fishing, pollution and sea lice from fish farms are also blamed. Ken Whelan, managing director of the Salmon Research Agency, said: "Anything that compounds their difficulty is going to have a dramatic impact."



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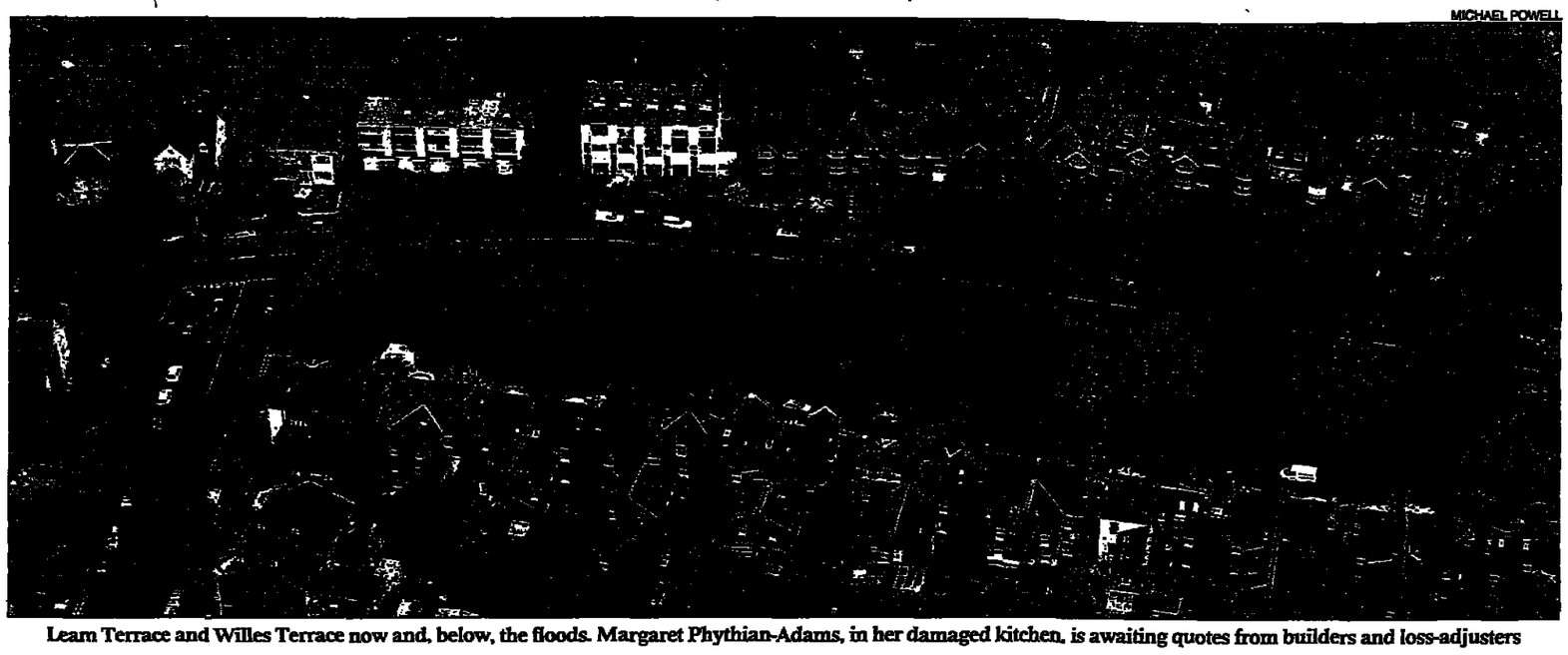
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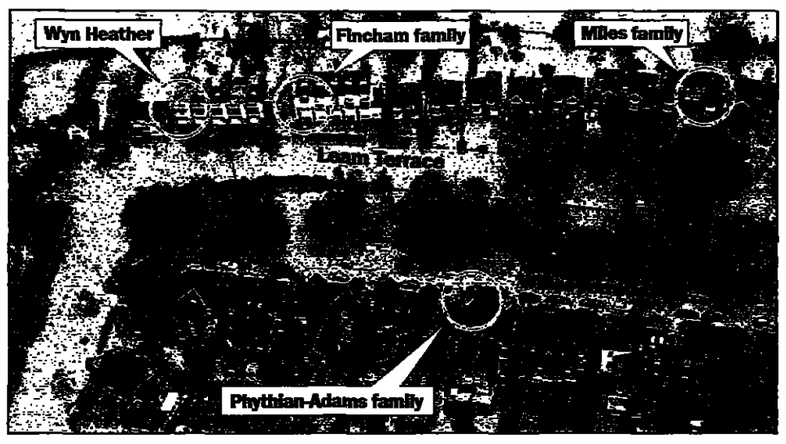
After the deluge, we are streets behind

Their neighbourhood was a symbol of the Easter floods, but families are still suffering, reports **Peter Foster**

MICHAEL POWELL



Leam Terrace and Willes Terrace now and, below, the floods. Margaret Phythian-Adams, in her damaged kitchen, is awaiting quotes from builders and loss-adjusters





EIGHT weeks after her house was hit by Britain's worst floods for 50 years, Rosemary Miles is still living in chaos. She cooks for her family on a Baby Belling oven while her daughter Sarah revises for GCSEs among torn-up floor boards and a pervading smell of damp.

The Miles family were among 5,000 who woke up on Good Friday to find their homes invaded by several feet of silt and sewage after rivers across Warickshire, Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Monmouthshire burst their banks. The cost of the clean-up is running into millions as insurers and builders begin the slow process of restoring normal life. Many families are still camped in upstairs rooms, waiting for repairs to begin. Homes must dry sufficiently for re-plastering and damp-proofing work.

Mrs Miles and her husband Mervyn live on Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa. Their quiet residential street became a symbol of the flooding when it was captured in an aerial photograph. She remembers being woken at 5.30am by the sound of her cat, Belinda, mewing outside the bedroom door. The noise gave her the warning that the weather forecasters, the Environment Agency and the local council had not provided. The family saved their cats, several piles of GCSE revision notes and all the furniture portable enough to be carried upstairs. From the bedroom window, caravans and garden sheds could be seen floating serenely past their back garden at number 137.

"It's a little bit like camping," Mrs Miles says today. She has an improvised vegetable rack on top of the piano, and has remained cheerful despite the disruption. "We managed to cook the turkey on Easter Sunday using the microwave. It took a long time but we were so cold and miserable I decided we couldn't miss out."

They have no fixed start-date for the builders and, despite their resolute stand thus far, they may be forced to move out when the builders move in. They are still waiting for an estimate and fear the damage will be well in excess of £10,000.

Their situation is similar to almost 400 other families in Leamington. Leam Terrace is lined with skips filling up with stripped plasterboard and rotten joists and floorboards. Several families have moved out to stay with friends and relations, or taken rented accommodation while the damage is repaired.

Their local council has worked hard to redeem itself after initial criticisms. On Thursday night, council inspectors were knocking on doors offering residents free advice on dealing with the piles of bewildering paperwork created by insurance claims and building firms.

The local vicar, the Rev Morris Rodham, has acquired hero status among many residents ever since he offered his church as a refuge, and donned waders on Good Friday morning to deliver everything from nappies to tea bags to the stranded people. Since then, he has produced a stream of newsletters offering advice, and raised more than £3,000 from local businesses and other churches to help families who were uninsured.

Mr Morris said: "We have been trying to help people deal with the loss. In a sense, they have suffered a sort of bereavement. On a more practical level, we got the council to bring in inspectors when we realised that families living next door to each other with identical damage were getting widely differing quotes from builders and insurers."

There has also been anecdotal evidence that some residents have been made ill by the thick layer of silt and sewage slurry deposited by floods, Mr Morris said. A higher than usual number have been suffering from nausea and sore throats.

At number 95 Leam Terrace, Wyn Heather, 72, has decided to stay in her house. On Good Friday she was rescued by her daughter Elizabeth Fincham — who lives four doors up — using a rubber dinghy that last saw action on the beach during the summer. The house is gutted downstairs, with the plasterwork and carpets stripped out.

This week, however, her Vauxhall Astra was finally returned to her from the garage. She said: "I hope it is going to work. Most other people have had their cars written off, but my insurers have insisted on repairing mine."

The floods have helped to bring the affected families together. Residents have set up the Leamington Old Town Association to co-ordinate the regeneration effort while, closer to home, families are helping each other. Mrs Heather, whose kitchen is upstairs, is cooking evening meals for her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.

While the majority of the residents of Leam Terrace are still waiting for building work to begin, some were more lucky. The local pub, the New Inn, was due to close for refurbishment after Easter weekend anyway. The floods filled the cellar with 8ft of water. John Franks, the landlord, estimates that the water caused £12,000-worth of damage after he was forced to replace all his pipes and pumps used for the beer.

In Willes Terrace, one street back from Leam Terrace, the damage was less severe, although most houses suffered flooded basements and kitchens. Margaret Phythian-Adams lives at number 9 with her husband, Henry, a history teacher, who was away in Lisbon for a niece's wedding at the time of the flood. The first he knew of events back home was when he picked up a copy of *The Times* in Portugal, and saw the now famous picture of his neighbourhood under water.

The couple have two children, MaryAnn, 20, and Thomas, 15. Mrs Phythian-Adams spent the day of the flood fishing the contents of her freezer out of the cellar using a children's fishing net. Her house still reverberates to the sound of a dehumidifier in the cellar while she waits for quotes from builders and loss-adjusters.

The only beneficiaries of the floods, it seems, are the building firms and skip-hire manufacturers who are flooded with orders. Harvey Hunt, whose company, Arden Contracts, is doing much of the work, said that he has 43 jobs on his books, more than double the usual amount.

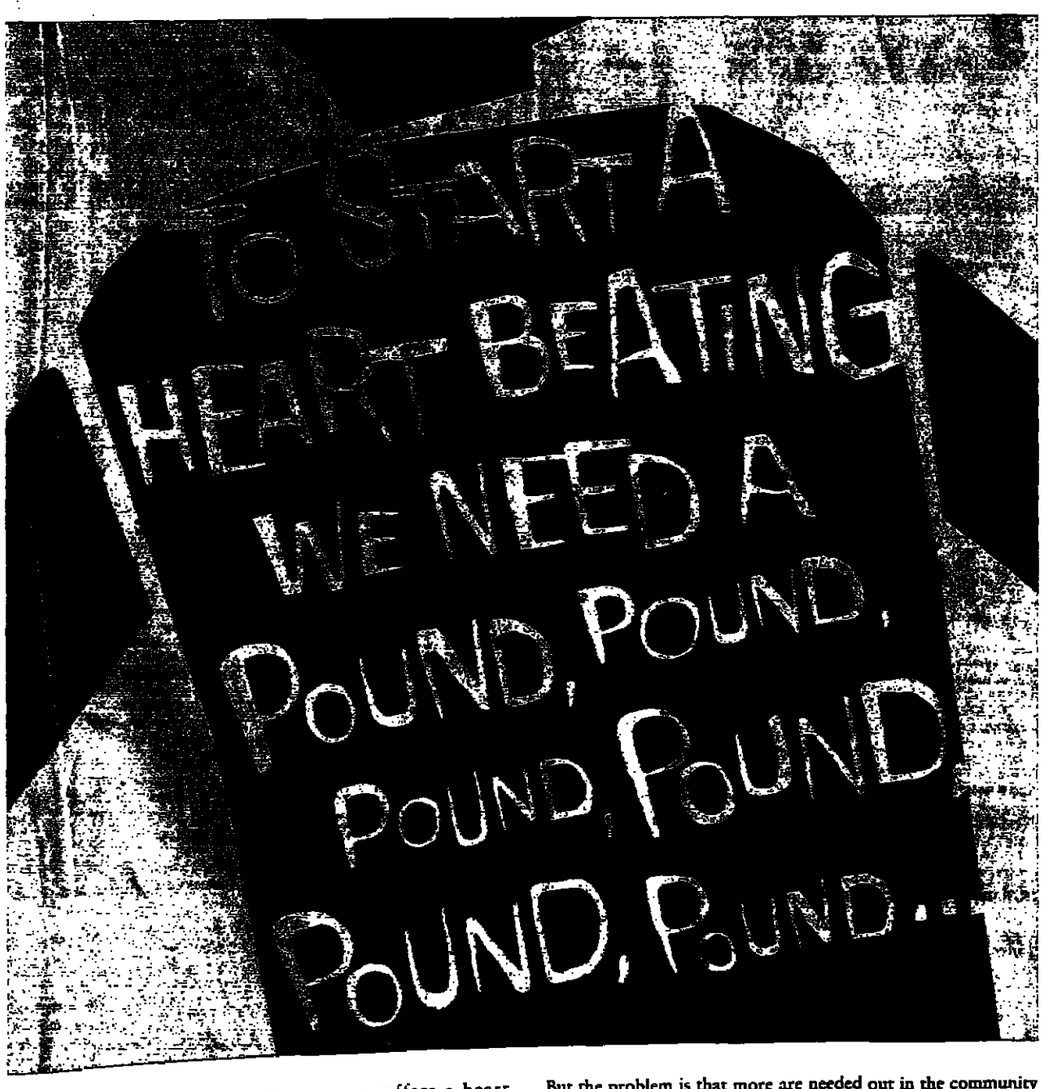
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Sarah Miles with Tigger: she rescued GCSE notes



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Prince accused over private school places

Role as patron of £10m appeal is criticised, reports **John O'Leary**

THE Prince of Wales was criticised yesterday after it was announced that he is to act as patron to a £10 million appeal to replace more than 200 assisted places at Britain's largest independent day school.

The appeal by Manchester Grammar School, to be launched today, intends to ensure that no boy who passes its entrance examination is prevented from taking up a place by financial hardship. It has already raised £3 million from old boys and large companies including Marks & Spencer. The school said that the Prince had agreed to lend his name because money raised would support the education of children from the same type of inner-city areas where the Prince's Trust was active.

But Gerry Steinberg, Labour MP for Durham City and a member of the Commons education committee, said it was "absolutely outrageous" that the Prince had accepted the invitation. "If he wants to be a patron, he should choose a comprehensive school which caters for the vast majority of children, not an elitist school."

Mr Steinberg, a former teacher, added: "The Labour Government didn't abolish assisted places out of spite. It was because it was a totally wasteful scheme exploited by white-collar workers with clever accountants. If the Prince wants to support something like that, he doesn't understand the educational needs of the country."

Martin Stephen, the High Master of Manchester Grammar, insisted that the scholarship scheme was apolitical and that applicants were tightly means-tested. "Governments come and go, but we are talking about a tradition of free education that goes back 500 years. The Assisted Places Scheme lasted for a blink of an eye in those terms."

The school deliberately avoided inviting MPs to be vice-presidents of the appeal, to keep politics out of the discussions, but the Labour Lord Mayor of Manchester will be among those attending today's launch. Dr Stephen said: "People can see that it is doing something worthwhile for people in deprived areas."

The Prince's spokeswoman said that he had been involved with school appeals previously: "The Prince has been concerned with a wide range of educational initiatives, and every request is looked at very carefully on its merits."

Among old boys supporting the appeal are Mike Atherton, the England cricket player, Howard Davies, the deputy governor of the Bank of England, and Robert Powell, the actor.

Other vice-presidents include Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, and Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury. Corporate donors have included the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Umbro and Rothschilds. Seven have pledged the £100,000 needed to fund a place in perpetuity.

The BBC Philharmonic will play in the school's new Mike Atherton sports hall in July, and the conductor Kent Nagano has also promised a concert for the appeal.

Manchester Grammar School was founded by Hugh Oldham, the Bishop of Exeter, in 1515. His vision for the school was that "grace, virtue and wisdom should grow, flower and take root in youths during their boyhood, especially in boys of the county of Lancaster who for a long time ... had lacked such grace, virtue and wisdom in their youth through their father's poverty."

Fees are £4,500 a year, but a tradition of free and subsidised places has been maintained. About 250 of the 1,400 boys receive some help with fees, including 40 who are benefiting from the £3 million already raised.

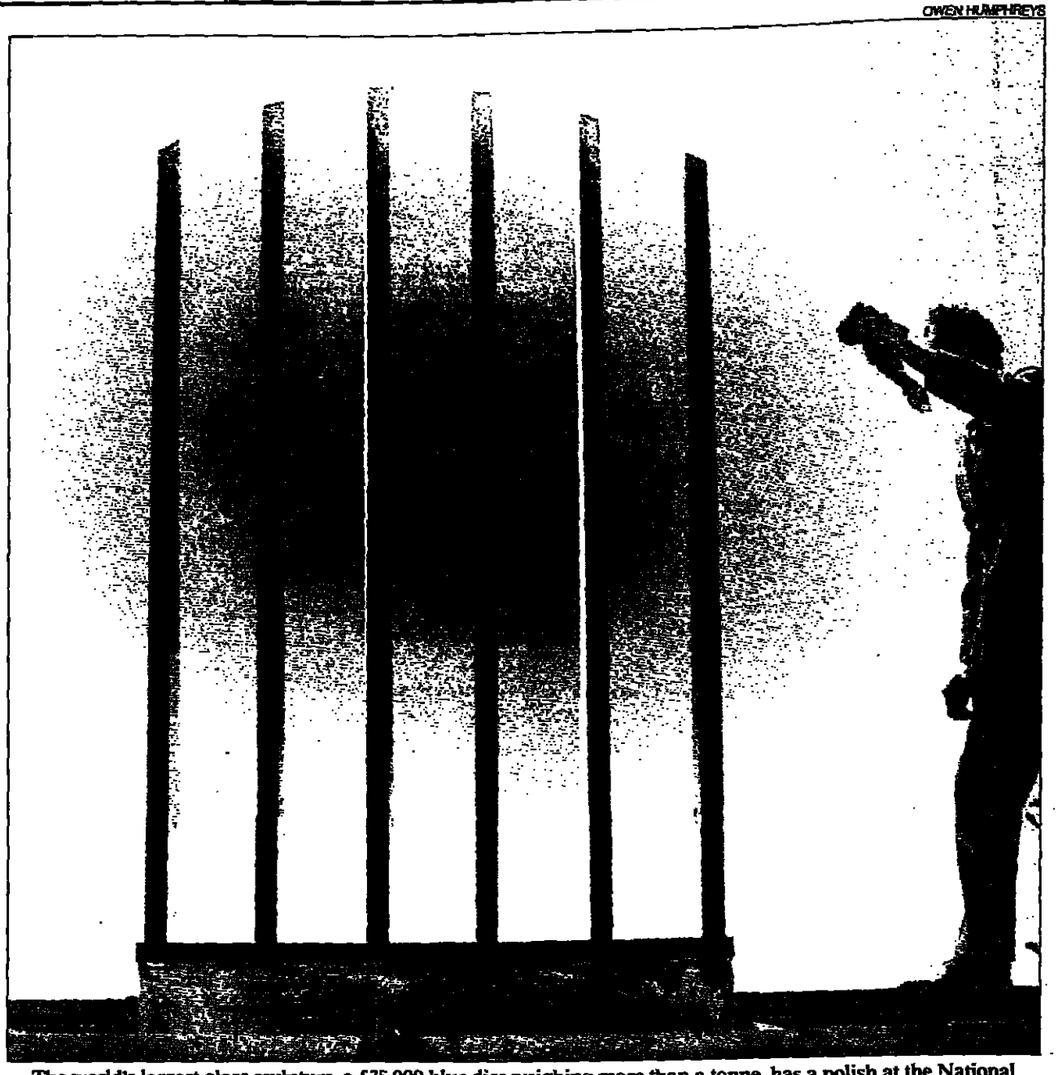
FRESH HOPE FOR TEST-CASE BOY

David Blunkett is considering "fresh material" supporting the case of an 11-year-old boy who wants to continue his education at a private boarding school under the Assisted Places Scheme.

Alastair Sanderson, who has learning difficulties, is in danger of losing his place at the King's School, Ely, Cambridgeshire, following the abolition of the scheme. His mother, Yvonne Sanderson, 39, of Kidlington, Oxfordshire, launched a test-case challenge at the High Court yesterday against the Education Secretary's decision last February not to exercise his discretion to allow Alastair to keep his place until he was 18.

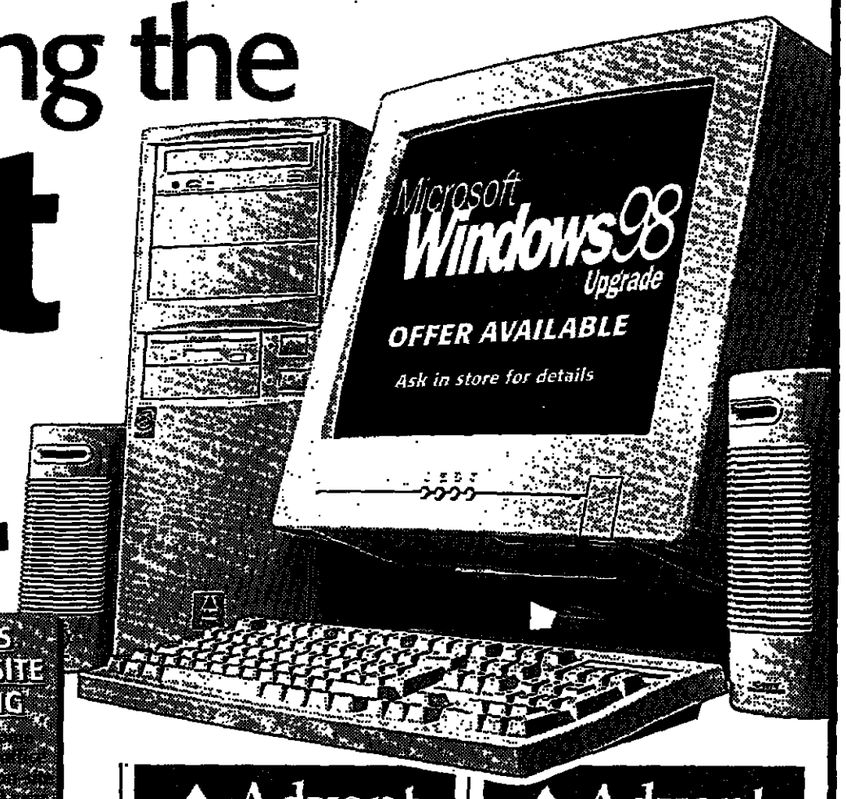
Pushpinder Saini, for Mr Blunkett, said a redetermination was necessary because of the new material. A decision would be made by June 26. Mrs Sanderson's application for leave to apply for judicial review was adjourned.

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Student, 17, is accused of murder

A student aged 17 appeared in court charged with the murder of Lauren Carhart, the 12-year-old girl whose badly burnt body was found on a bonfire near her home in Crumpsall, Manchester, six days ago.

The youth, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared before magistrates at a youth court in Manchester. He was remanded to Hindley prison for a week.

Workman killed

A workman died and another was critically injured when 12 tonnes of concrete collapsed on them at a building site near Camberley, Surrey. The building is part of a new sports centre being built with £1.2 million lottery cash.

Tyre repairers

A tyre company in Leamington Spa has given thousands of pounds to the Hedgehog Preservation Society to help its work caring for hedgehogs injured in road accidents. The money will help to meet veterinary bills.

Chain reaction

A man pursued by two PCs in Birmingham city centre was captured after the Lord Mayor, Sue Anderson, saw the chase from her official Daimler and told her chauffeur to block his path. The man was suspected of thefts from cars.

Disgruntled client may have killed solicitor

BY ADAM FRESCO

A YOUNG solicitor may have been murdered by a disgruntled client or an enemy she made while working on custody battles or divorces, police said yesterday.

Yvonne Killian, 22, was found strangled in her home on March 13. Her body, which had been set alight, was discovered by her fiancé, Joseph Scudders.

Detective Chief Inspector Chris Horne, who is leading the inquiry, said: "We are going into cases Yvonne worked on to see if people may have held a grudge against this hard-working, intelligent young girl."

Mr Scudders, 24, who had planned to marry Miss Killian this year, yesterday appealed for help in finding the killer. "We need any information that can help get the person who has done this," he said.

Police want to interview a man seen waiting at the end of her road in Erith, Kent and have offered a £5,000 reward to find the killer. Mr Horne said: "Her body was burnt but she had already died from strangulation. Four people have been considered in our inquiry but we think it may have been a stranger."

After her murder, a video game console and compact discs stolen from her flat were found in the grounds of a nearby cemetery. Her mobile phone is still missing.

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Tories target SNP as poll backs breakaway

Scottish Conservatives are ready to concentrate attack on 'destabilising' nationalists, writes **Shirley English**

THE Conservatives yesterday opened hostilities against the the Scottish Nationalist Party as an opinion poll showed a majority in support of independence, and confusion arose over the Tory stance on a referendum on the issue.

The opening shots against the SNP in the run-up to the Scottish parliament elections next year were fired by Liam Fox, Shadow Constitutional Affairs spokesman, at the Conservative and Unionist Party conference in Glasgow.

While fiercely criticising Labour in the west of Scotland, which he called "rotten to the core," he reserved his strongest attack for the nationalists, who he labelled a "dangerously destabilising" party.

Dr Fox told the 400 party members that the SNP was the real enemy. "The antics of the SNP make me feel ashamed to be Scottish," he said. "They are so narrow-minded, so bitter, so introspective and xenophobic. They are almost as defiantly anti-English as they are pro-Scottish.

"We have allowed them to be out of our sights for too long. They are the people who are taking our natural voters in our natural heartlands. There should be no cosying up to them in councils. They are the enemy and everyone must be absolutely clear that we must get them in our sights and hit them as hard as we possibly can."

His comments were made on the day that an ICM opinion poll in *The Scotsman* revealed for the first time that a majority of Scots, 52 per cent of the electorate, would back independence if asked. The nationalists have said they would insist on a referendum if they won power.

The issue of a referendum had earlier left the Scottish Tories in disarray. The confusion arose when William Hague, arriving in Glasgow, declared he "would not rule out" the possibility of his party supporting a call by the nationalists for an independence referendum when the new parliament was up and running. However, he added that he "remained to be convinced."

His comments directly contradicted the party line in Scotland. Up until yesterday, the Scottish Tories, alongside Labour and the Liberal Democrats, had maintained their firm opposition to further constitutional "navel gazing". But Mr Hague's more enthusiastic stance appeared to have inadvertently shifted the party



"When shall we three meet again?"

on to the fence. On the conference floor the rank and file membership appeared confused and unhappy with their leader's statement and were seeking assurances that the party line on the issue had not changed.

Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Scottish party president, known to oppose a referendum, had earlier in the week claimed that such a poll would never be a one-off and would result in the destabilising "neverendum" evident in Quebec. Answering a query from the floor, he repeated his concerns, but added: "Of course, a referendum, you can never rule out forever."

Mr Hague will attempt to clarify the party's position in his speech to the conference today when he will urge Scottish Tories to fight to ensure that the Scottish parliament is not used as a "Trojan Horse" for nationalism and the break-up of the United Kingdom. He will warn the party that it must work to make the new Scottish parliament work within the context of the United Kingdom.

Referring to the Tories' overwhelming defeat in elections and in last year's devolution referendum, Mr Hague is expected to warn his party: "The Conservative Party must not behave like bad generals and go on fighting the last war. That battle is now over. The Scottish parliament will soon be a reality. We have new battles to fight."

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William Hague talking to school pupils in Glasgow. He will address his Scottish party conference today

Salmond hails majority for independence

BY MAGNUS LINKLATER

A BOUYANT Scottish National Party yesterday hailed what it described as a "ground-breaking" opinion pol suggesting for the first time that a majority of Scottish voters favoured outright independence rather than only a devolved parliament within the United Kingdom.

Describing the result of the poll carried in yesterday's *Scotsman*, which put support for ndependence at 52 per centas "sensational" the SNP leadr Alex Salmond predicted hat 1999 was set to be "Scoland's year".

"Tie polls are extremely encouraging but the SNP are taking nothing for granted," he old the SNP's special natinal conference in Perth yesterday. Donald Dewar, the Scotish Secretary, cautioned against reading too much into one poll and pointed out that the ame poll put Labour five points ahead of the SNP.

Athough this is the first tim a majority in Scotland hasbeen recorded as supporting independence over devolution, there have been previous surges that failed to translate into seats. A 50 per cent Yes vote in a 1992 poll delivered only three seats for the SNP when it came to the general election.

This time there is more solid evidence of pro-SNP support following a series of setbacks for the Government in Scotland. Revelations about local government misspending, the grim news from Dounreay, student tuition fees and curbs on government spending have all conspired to undermine the Government's popularity.

Calculations on the latest poll findings suggest that in an election Labour would emerge as the largest party with 53 seats, the SNP would take 47 with 16 for the Liberal Democrats and 13 for the Conservatives.

Most political debate now centres on the probability of a coalition government — although Labour is likely to win back support as an election approaches.

Comments by Sir Malcolm Rifkind, the former Foreign Secretary, suggesting that the other three parties might need to combine to head off an SNP majority could be a further embarrassment for Labour.

Yesterday Mr Salmond reacted scornfully to an attempt by William Hague, the Conservative Party leader, to challenge the SNP's call for an early referendum on independence. Mr Hague had agreed with some of his Tory colleagues that there might be some merit in holding a referendum early in a Scottish parliament in order to dispose of the independence issue.

"Timing is all in these matters," observed Mr Salmond. "Denis Healey's trademark was the phrase 'Silly-Billy' — it now seems to apply to William Hague."



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Nuclear plant shut down on cost grounds

Ministers are insisting that accident-prone reactors were uneconomic, says **Gillian Harris**

THE unexpected decision to close the accident-prone nuclear reprocessing plant at Dounreay was taken for economic and scientific reasons, Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said yesterday.

The closure was based on advice from the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, he insisted. "There will now be no question of seeking further contracts and if anyone comes knocking on Dounreay's door, the answer is no."

The announcement, which follows a series of incidents that have raised concern about safety, was a U-turn by the Government, which claimed only six weeks ago that the Caithness site was the "safest place in the world" to handle 4.3kg of highly-enriched uranium from Georgia.

Nuclear waste now stored at the plant will be reprocessed over the next eight years but no new material, including a cargo of spent fuel which was to have been shipped from Australia, will be accepted. By 2006 it is hoped that work will be complete and a clean-up operation which is expected to take well into the next century can begin.

Reprocessing work will start at the plant as soon as a safety ban imposed last week is lifted. Ten inspectors from the Health and Safety Executive are carrying out an exhaustive audit. Their findings will be made public at the end of the summer.

The move to decommission Dounreay, at an estimated cost of £2.5 billion, comes three days after it emerged that 170kg of highly-enriched uranium — enough to make 12 atomic bombs — went "missing" during the 1960s.

John Battle, the Energy Minister, said: "The UKAEA advised me a short time ago that there is no economic case for supporting commercial reprocessing at Dounreay over the longer term. Reprocessing at Dounreay will therefore come to an end when the plant has completed reprocessing its own fuel, the Georgian highly-enriched uranium and its existing commerical contracts."

Anti-nuclear campaigners, who have fought for Dounreay's closure for more than 40 years, were jubilant yesterday. "There is a huge, collective sigh of relief going round Scotland. I am absolutely delighted and I am sure that this is the right decision," Lorraine Mann, the plant's most trenchant critic who formed Scotland Against Nuclear Dumping, said.

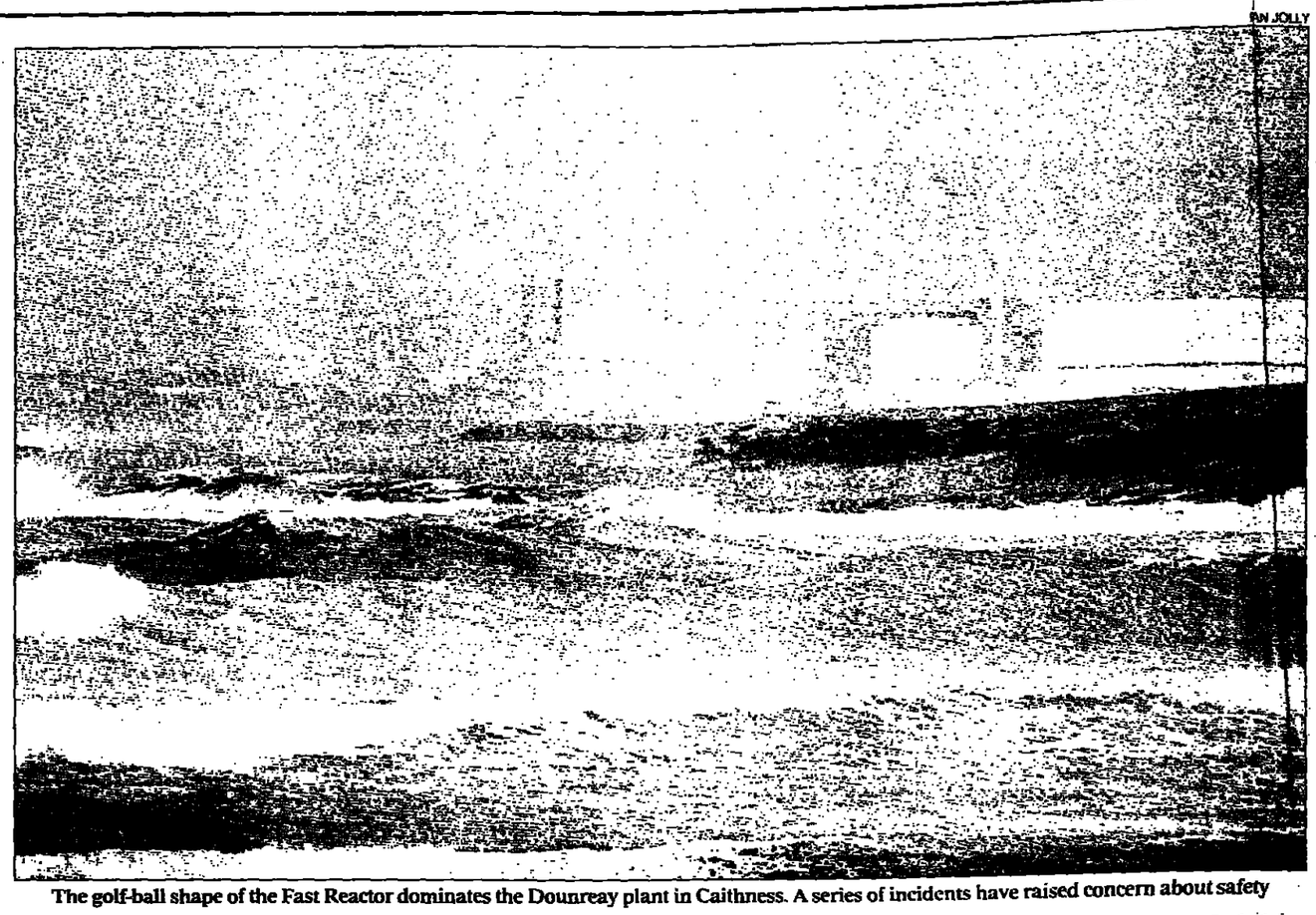
Lang Banks, of Friends of the Earth, said: "This is a victory for common sense and a complete embarrassment for Tony Blair and Bill Clinton's secret deal to bring radioactive material from Georgia under the guise of international security. The plant's previous track record combined with with a long list of incidents and accidents have simply gone to underline the fact that Dounreay was never the right choice."

When the Queen opened Dounreay on the northernmost tip of Scotland in 1956, the distinctive golf ball-shaped plant was the world's leading centre for experimental nuclear physics and the first commercial fast breeder reactor. It also provided much needed jobs for the remote community.

Dounreay now employs 1,600 staff, none of whom are likely to lose their jobs in the short term because of the amount of work still to be done, and contributes around £27 million to the local economy. But the plant is showing its age. There have been fires, leaks and an explosion in the shaft which had been used as a dump for 16,000 consignments of nuclear waste over 18 years.

Last month the plant lost all its power after a contract worker sliced through a cable with a mechanical digger, cutting off electricity to the Fuel Recycling Area for 16 hours. John McKeown, chief executive of the UKAEA, which runs Dounreay, said that it no longer made sense to keep ploughing money into the plant.

"It is the taxpayers' money which is being invested and we have a duty not to invest taxpayers' money into something which is not economically viable," he said.


RAJ JOLLY

The golf-ball shape of the Fast Reactor dominates the Dounreay plant in Caithness. A series of incidents have raised concern about safety

£850m clean-up will continue for decades

Nigel Hawkes explains why time is a friend and not an enemy in the sensitive task of decommissioning the Dounreay site

DECOMMISSIONING the Dounreay site is going to be a long and expensive process, costing at least £500 million over the next ten years and stretching well into the next century. Another £350 million will be needed to clean up a shaft contaminated with intermediate-level waste, a job expected to take 25 years.

Nuclear reactors and reprocessing plants cannot simply be chopped up and carted away to the scrapyard. They contain highly radioactive materials which need careful handling and disposal. There is usually not much point in hurrying, as the longer the process takes, the more time radioactive decay has to make the plant safe.

Dounreay is the most complex of the UK Atomic Energy Authority sites, comprising three reactors, two reprocessing plants, and various waste management facilities. Because it is a disposal site for low-level waste, Dounreay will never return to "greenfield" status — even a century from now parts of the site will still require monitoring.

All three reactors — the Dounreay Fast Reactor, the Prototype Fast Reactor, and the Dounreay Materials Test Reactor — have closed down. The first to close was the DMTR, in 1969. Fuel and coolant have been removed, and actual dismantling of the structure is going on. The DFR, which closed in 1977, is still only part way through the first stage of the decommissioning process, the removal of fuel and coolant. Some fuel is stuck in the reactor, and techniques will have to be developed to remove it.

The PFR, a much bigger reactor which generated 250 megawatts, did not close until 1994. But all its fuel has now been taken out, and 1,500 tons of contaminated sodium coolant is in the process of being removed. A plant is being built in the turbine hall to remove contamination from the coolant. The pure sodium can then be dumped at sea.

Of the reprocessing plants, one closed two years ago after a leak, while the other will continue to operate until all the fuel from the PFR and from abroad has been reprocessed. The hope was that foreign contracts would enable this plant to remain in commercial operation, but UKAEA has now decided this is impossible.

There is, however, enough work on site to keep the reprocessing plant busy until about 2006. This consists of chopping up spent fuel rods, dissolving them and then chemically separating uranium, plutonium, and waste.

Once all contracts are completed, the reprocessing plants will be decommissioned. The timescale for the whole job is long. The principle is to carry out the work stage by stage, with long gaps of "care and maintenance" between each stage.

The first stage involves removing radioactive materials and some items of plant. The plant is then left for a period of ten years or so while radioactivity in the structure decays.

In stage two, the remaining radioactive material is dismantled and removed, and the plant returned to care and maintenance for a further period — typically 30 years for a research reactor, and up to 100 years for PFR.

Finally, the site is cleared to a condition in which no radioactive hazard remains. Because of the low-level waste at Dounreay, that is a very distant prospect indeed. The workforce needed will be around 1,200, almost as many as the plant employs today. The waste shaft retrieval project alone will employ about 400 people.

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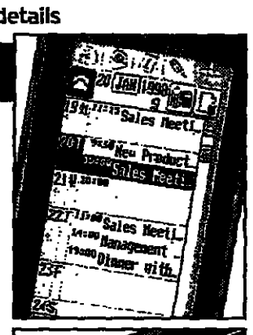
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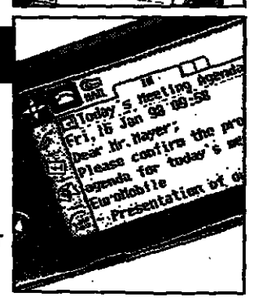
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Settlers to use women and young in fight to keep land

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

LEADERS of Israel's 150,000 Jewish settlers yesterday unveiled a battle plan to defeat what they allege is the Government's intention to hand over a further 13 per cent of the occupied West Bank to Palestinian control.

Among tactics decided at an emergency session of the Yesha Settlers' Council are the establishment of "mini-settlements" in areas where the Israeli security forces will be forced to dismantle them, the expansion of existing settlements and widespread civil disobedience involving Jewish women and children.

The launch of the new campaign against the right-wing Government of Binyamin Netanyahu came after Thursday's surprise publication of an American peace blueprint which, if agreed, will curtail settlement construction and pull troops out of 13 per cent of "Judaea and Samaria", territory the settlers regard as their biblical inheritance.

Aharon Domb, the Yesha chairman, announced details of the unprecedented drive to thwart a government previously regarded as sympathetic to the settlers' cause by declaring that the rearguard action against the withdrawal by 17 Knesset members forming the "Land of Israel Front" had to be replaced by direct action.

"The Land of Israel Front has done its part, delaying the withdrawal for many months. According to information we have, Netanyahu's intention now is to carry out a withdrawal and cause a National Unity government to be established, and thus he is not afraid about threats of overturning his coalition," Mr Domb said after the meeting described by settlers as "a council of war".

He added: "The time has come to exert 'moderate physical force' against the Prime Minister and his ministers, and go with the emotional side — women and children who will demonstrate in front of government offices and stage long sit-down strikes there."

The anger of the settlers has been increased by publication of details of the American blueprint being considered by the Government which would isolate 9,000 Jews in a total of 18 settlements, leaving them surrounded by areas under Palestinian control.

A large ultra-nationalist advertisement published yesterday in Israeli newspapers said "dozens of settlements" would be forced into a "terror siege" and claimed "the withdrawal will challenge the very concept of settling the land".

The start of the campaign was prompted by a general realisation that, after months of delay, the Likud-led Government is close to a final decision on the withdrawal plan designed to break the 15-month deadlock in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks and open negotiations on a final peace map, in which even more land may be handed over. Advisers to both Mr Netanyahu and Yitzhak Mordechai, his Defence Minister, who will be travelling tomorrow to brief King Hussein of Jordan, signalled the change in atmosphere when they told Israeli reporters: "We are getting very close to the front line of the negotiations. We are on alert, prior to the presentation of the agreement to the Government and the Knesset."

☐ **Arab boycott:** In a show of solidarity with the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel's nearly one million Arabs yesterday announced a boycott of 120 goods made in Jewish settlements.

The Palestinians hope to establish a state in the West Bank and Gaza, and fear independence will be difficult to attain with the expansion of the Jewish settlements.

The boycott decision was made by Israeli Arab leaders, including Knesset members and mayors, on Thursday. Starting on Monday, a list with 120 products to be boycotted, including ice-cream, canned foods and sweets, will be posted in Arab-owned shops and published in Arabic-language media. Ahmed Saad, a member of the Knesset, said yesterday.

Settler leaders said they might retaliate by no longer employing the thousands of Arabs who work in the settlements. *(AP)*

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A near-pristine *USS Yorktown*, sunk during the pivotal Battle of Midway 56 years ago, is raised from the depths of the Pacific Ocean (Tom Rhodes writes). Photographs and videos of the Second World War aircraft carrier, which is unmarked by biological growth, have been released by Robert Ballard, who found the vessel three miles down on May 19.

The *Yorktown* was heavily damaged, left, by a Japanese torpedo on June 4, 1942, after her planes had already sunk three Japanese carriers and fatally damaged a fourth. She sank three days later as she tried to limp back to Hawaii for repairs. About 50 men died, but 2,300 were rescued.

Mr Ballard, known as the Indiana Jones of the deep for his discoveries of the *Titanic* and the German battleship *Bismarck*, said that the hunt for the *Yorktown* had been his hardest.

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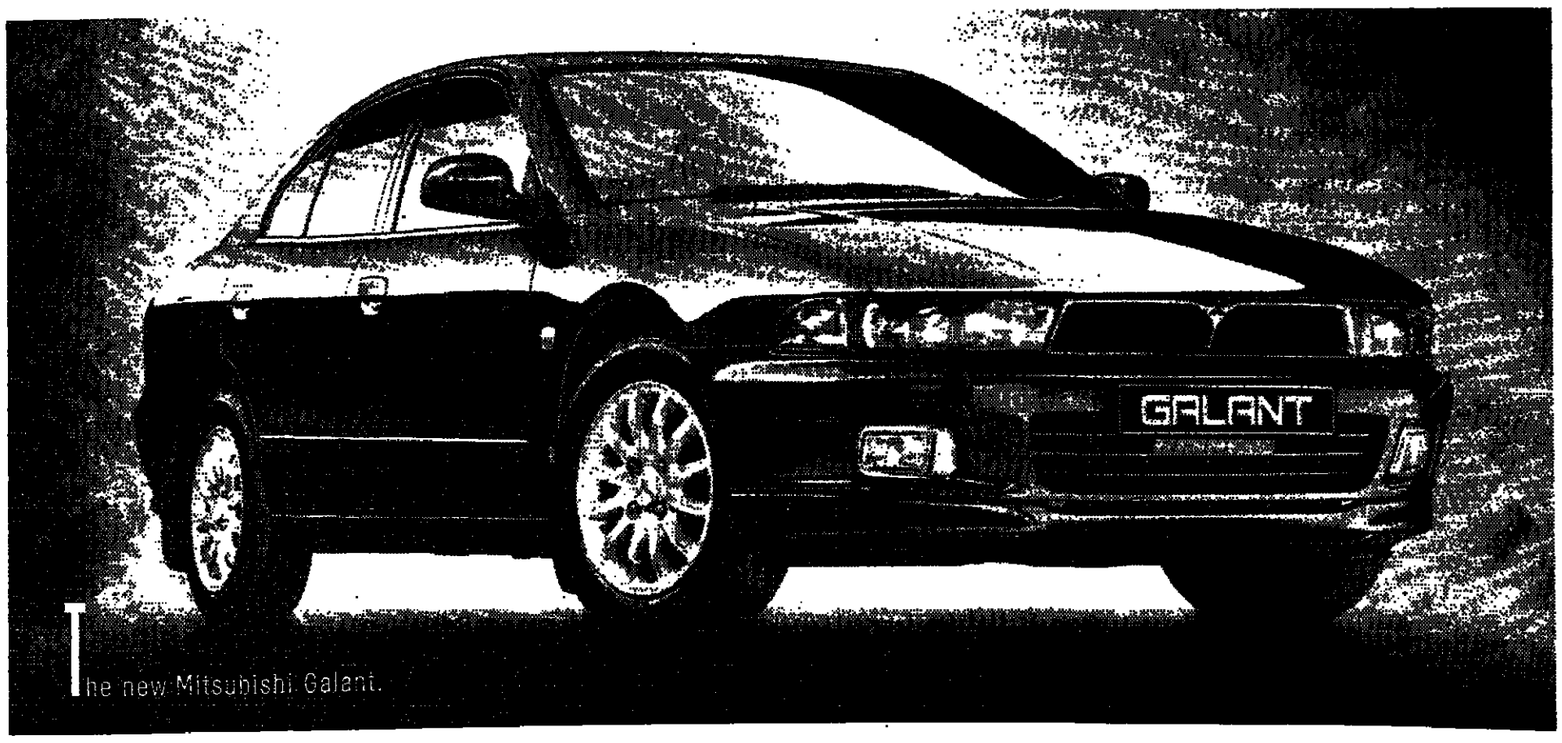
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JAMES BONE'S NEW YORK



Writers get director's short cut

THE director Francis Ford Coppola is playing godfather to starving New York literati with a small fiction journal that offers short-story writers a short cut to the silver screen.

The man who turned Joseph Conrad's *The Heart of Darkness* into the Vietnam epic *Apocalypse Now*, is spurning Hollywood screenwriters and trawling for talent among the ranks of aspiring novelists in his quest for the next great concept for a film.

Zoetrope: All Story, his literary quarterly, now sells 40,000 copies and, with several projects already "in development" in Hollywood, has begun to earn some little-known writers some big bucks.

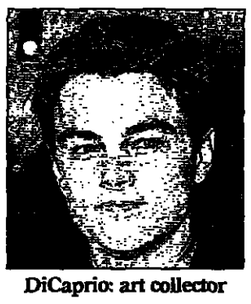
"Francis felt disappointed by the type of writing he was seeing by young writers who felt compelled to write screenplays," explains Adrienne Brodeur, a former staff member at the *Paris Review* who now edits the film-maker's literary magazine.

"He felt people had lost sight of the story as the original art form. I think he really hopes to find a beautiful movie in here one day, and that would make the whole venture pay for itself. It's really an experiment."

Each issue of the journal contains several original short stories as well as a reprint of a tale that became a classic movie (such as Mary Orr's *The Wisdom of Eve*, published in *Cosmopolitan* in 1947, which spawned the Oscar-winning *All About Eve*). The $1,000 fee each writer receives includes a two-year option on film rights — a bargain price for a movie treatment.

Every issue also includes at least one short story commissioned by Coppola to explore a particular theme. After reading *The Rules*, a self-help book about dating, for instance, the director asked Melissa Banks to write a story about a woman who follows the book's advice. The result, *The Girl's Guide to Hunting and Fishing*, was recently sold to Viking Penguin for $275,000 and has generated interest from Hollywood.

Some purists have criticised Coppola for infecting serious fiction with the virus of screenwriting, in which flashy effects and funny one-liners are emphasised over plot line. But Miss Brodeur considers the critics misguided. "He could have hired a development office, and he chose to hire people who have a literary fiction background and are passionate about literary fiction," she insists.



DiCaprio: art collector

Leonardo DiCaprio, left, the son of a comic-strip artist, is a budding art collector. The *Titanic* heart-throb is said to be employing the services of a private dealer, Patrick Callery. Mr Callery won't talk, but one of Leonardo's first acquisitions is reported to be a painting by Jean-Michel Basquiat, the *enfant terrible* of the Eighties' art world whose graffiti-inspired work is a popular choice of celebrities.

JUSTIN SUTCLIFFE



Adrienne Brodeur, the editor of director Francis Ford Coppola's small fiction magazine which sells 40,000 copies

Columbo, the guilty party



Falk, 71, and Chris Karr appearing on Broadway for the premiere of Arthur Miller's *Mr Peter's Crossing*

PETER FALK'S decision to hang up his rumpled raincoat as Columbo and return to the New York stage after a break of 27 years has left critics disappointed. Falk is playing Harry Peters, a retired Pan Am pilot, in the world premiere of Arthur Miller's *Mr Peter's Crossing* — a meditation on life and death set in an abandoned nightclub. Now 71, Falk was recommended for the part by Miller's son-in-law, Daniel Day-Lewis. In reviews, he has been variously described as "growly but genial", "amiable and cozy" and "rusty but lovable". *New York magazine said that his Mr* Peters resembled "an older Columbo" and suggested, harshly, that bored theatregoers could occupy themselves "trying to guess which of his eyes is his famous glass one".

For those who have already mastered the skateboard and Rollerblades there is now a new challenge: "Soap shoes". This unusual footwear resembles normal running shoes except that there is a slot for a piece of slippery plastic on the sole. It's like treading on a banana skin. This greasy patch enables suicidal sportsmen to skim along the pavement and slide down banisters. It's so silly it's bound to catch on.

Caffeine-sensitive diners in New York are fighting back against waiters who fail to serve decaffeinated coffee by requesting their *telephone numbers*: "Because if you've given me regular coffee and I stay up all night, I'm going to call you at home so that you'll stay up with me," said one.

There can be no more Dickensian character in New York than Orlando Tobon, known to his friends as Don Orlando. A small-time entrepreneur from Colombia, Don Orlando has made it his mission to collect the bodies of drug-traffickers from his homeland so that they can receive a Christian burial.

For the last decade, he has been picking up the unclaimed corpses of the drug "mules" who die while transporting cocaine they have swallowed in condoms or latex gloves to New York.

Over the years he has rescued and repatriated dozens of corpses — from teenagers to an 82-year-old grandmother. "They die so alone, they deserve a Christian burial," he declared.

Jon Robin Baitz, the trendy young American playwright (*Substance of Fire, Mizlansky/Zilinsky or Schmucks*), bemoans the fact New York theatre audiences are packed with subscription ticket-holders just itching to get out of their cramped seats and back to their comfortable homes. One conspicuous corollary is that, on any visit to the theatre in New York, a good portion of the audience leaves at the interval.

At the Metropolitan Opera the phenomenon is so pronounced that it has spawned a whole class of cheapskate fans who buy standing-room only tickets and trade up into vacated seats at half-time.

Many of the new plays on Broadway this season lasted just 90 minutes (slightly shorter than the average film) with no intermission. Among the quick-hits: David Mamet's *Old Neighbourhood*; Yasmina Reza's *Art* and Theatre de Complicité's revival of *The Chairs*.

The verdict of Rocco Landesmann, theatre owner: "People have been watching too much television."

What's next? Commercial breaks?



Jewel: acclaimed

Singer has her say

HER debut album sold nine million copies, but Jewel seems to crave respectability as a poetess. The singer-songwriter from Alaska, just 24, was praised on the publication of her first book of verse, *A Night Without Armour*. Her poetry is unlikely to win comparisons with Sylvia Plath, but it has poignancy. In *Camouflage*, she writes: "A gay man is sitting in a hotel lobby smoking on a cigarette/ He stomachs my breasts dutifully like spinach or lima beans or other things that make one sick/ Because he fears rednecks at the bar are on to him."

Air traffic control staff to be retrained, says US

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE United States has ordered the retraining of 10,000 air traffic controllers after the near collision of two jets over New York in April.

In calling for the refresher course for more than half of its 18,000 civilian controllers, the Federal Aviation Administration also raised concerns of the increase in such incidents. It means that those in the most pressured jobs, the tower handlers in charge of final approaches, landings and departures, must all complete at least two hours of additional training.

The action follows a previously unreported incident in which an Air Canada Airbus 320 that had been cleared for take off from La Guardia Airport outside New York City came as close as 20ft to a US Airways DC9 on its final approach.

Only a controller's last-second order to the second plane to abort its landing avoided a fatal collision. In a memorandum from the administration, controllers were told that their colleague had acted correctly, but too late.

"A review of the incident showed that the local controller waited too long to make the decision to issue the go-around instruction," it said. "The occurence indicates that there may be a performance problem in the operation of local control in airport traffic control towers."

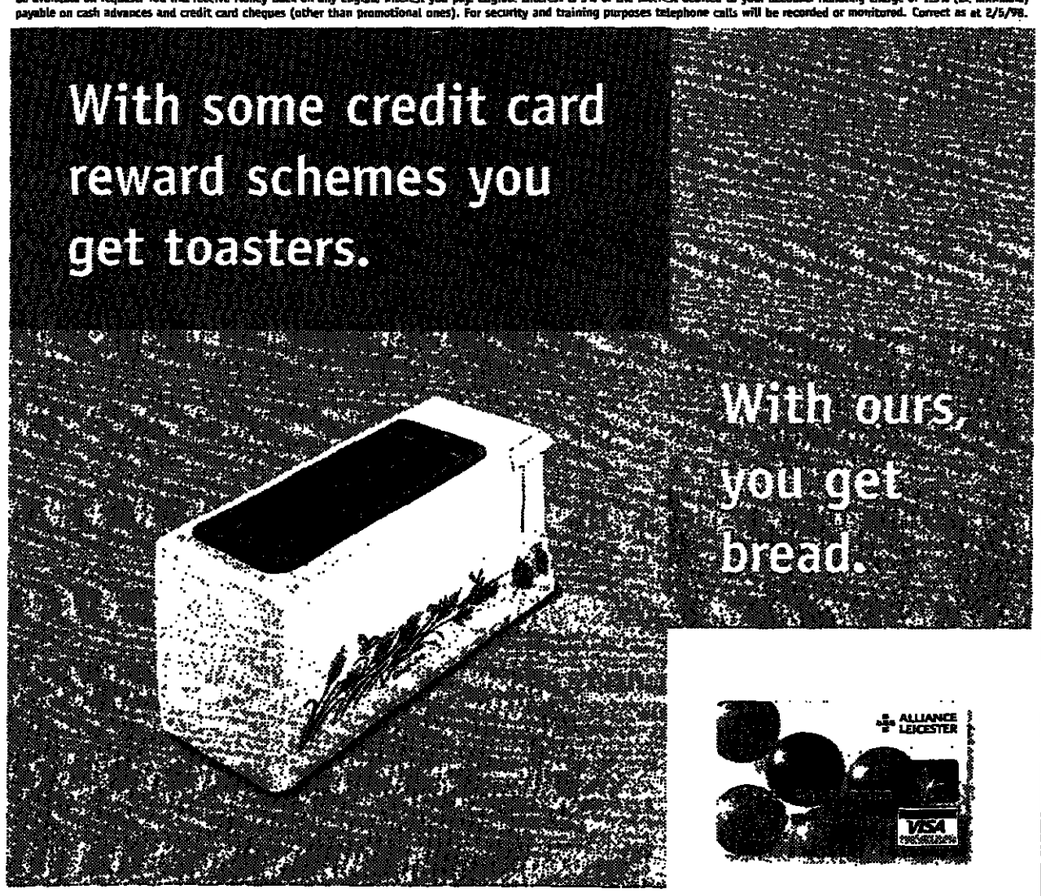
The note from James Washington, acting director of air traffic control, also described increases of 19 per cent in operational errors and 49 per cent in surface errors that "clearly indicate a need for increased emphasis in this area".

Controllers have already started their retraining sessions, which include watching videos and studying manuals. "Our core concern is safety and that's why we're asking for the refresher training for controllers who handle the landing and take-off of aircraft," said Eliot Brenner, an administration official.

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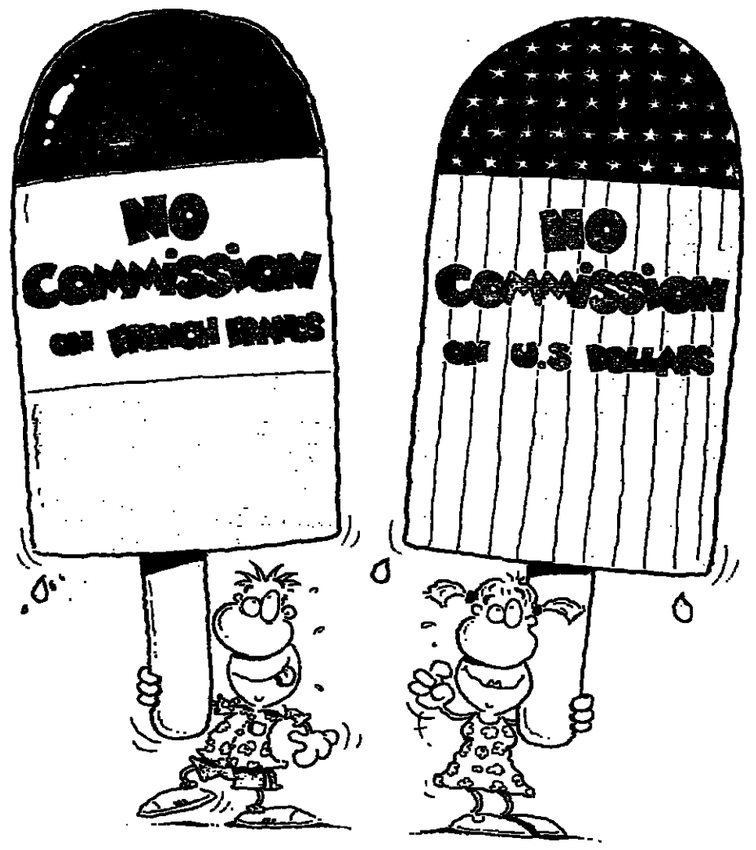
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Tycoon brings Venice to Vegas

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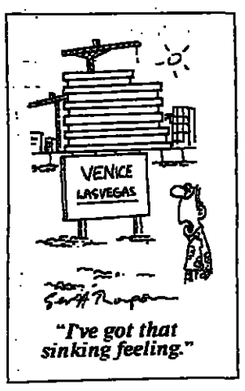
IT IS the vision of a Las Vegas tycoon who believes the city needs a change from slot machines and dancing girls. At a cost of $2.5 billion (£1.5 billion), a meticulous reconstruction of Venice is rising over the flashing neon of the Strip behind a full-size replica of St Mark's campanile. A faux Grand Canal with gondoliers is due to appear in an adjacent shopping mall.

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Covering the equivalent of 103 football pitches in the heart of Las Vegas, the colossal project is planned to include scale reproductions of St Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and the gilded Ca d'Oro Palace. There will also be a 15,000 sq ft casino. The first American branch of Madame Tussaud's will occupy part of a versatz St Mark's Library.

Artesian wells will water Nevada's version of the Grand Canal: a quarter of a mile long, 2ft deep, and entirely indoors under a painted sky.



"I've got that sinking feeling."

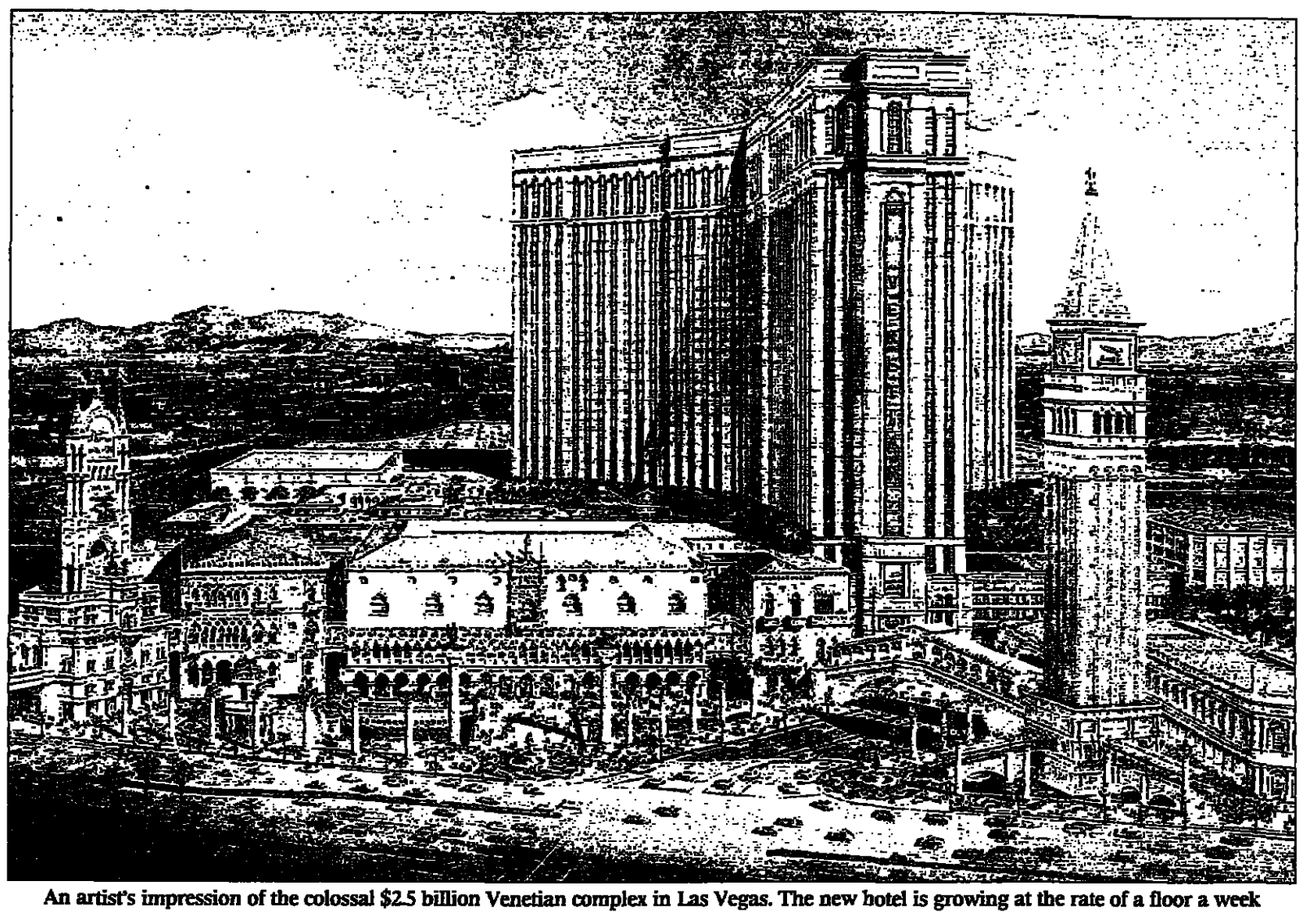
Above the canal, two 35-floor hotel towers are being built with plate-glass and enough steel to construct an *Iowa*-class battleship. They will contain a total of 6,006 lavish suites. Authentic "streetmosphere" is everything, according to Bob Hlusak, who made his name creating glass-fibre dinosaur bones for the Jurassic Park ride at Universal Studios, and has been hired to reproduce tens of thousands of Venetian statues.

"We want our friends from Venice to be able to enjoy a couple of bottles of wine and stumble out of a restaurant at the hotel and think they can walk home and sleep in their own bed," Mr Hlusak told the *Las Vegas Review Journal*. Guests will pay upwards of $150 (about £94) a night for a suite complete with sunken living room.

Design teams have shuttled between Venice and Las Vegas, taking thousands of pictures from which to make glass-fibre mouldings of the imperilled island city. So far Venetians have responded with mild bemusement. "Their attitude is something like, 'It's Vegas; it's that American weird thing they do'," Mr Hlusak said.

The Venetian is locked in a costly battle to Italianise the Strip. Nearing completion a few blocks away is a $1.6 billion competitor, the Bellagio, boasting rooms almost as grand and a $150 million art collection personally assembled by its owner.

The Venetian, due to open next spring, is the brainchild of Sheldon Adelson, a billionaire who made his money as a conference organiser. Described by one columnist as "a notorious micromanager so paranoid he travels with a platoon of bodyguards", he has staked his future on the notion that rich tourists and business people will flock to Las Vegas in the next century as much to shop and eat as gamble. Not everyone shares Mr Adelson's confidence. By some estimates the city's hotel room supply already exceeds demand by 20 per cent.


An artist's impression of the colossal $2.5 billion Venetian complex in Las Vegas. The new hotel is growing at the rate of a floor a week

The Strip gambles on fine art

By Giles Whittell

IN THEIR competition for high-rollers and blue-chip business conferences, the Strip's "mega-resorts" have spent hundred of millions of dollars in recent years on the accoutrements of high culture and sophisticated living.

Steve Wynn, owner of the Mirage and Treasure Island, has lavished a reported $150 million (£92 million) on fine art in private sales and at New York auction houses. The collection, to go on display at the unfinished Bellagio later this year, includes a $12 million Degas and works by Van Gogh, Monet, Renoir, Matisse and Cézanne, as well as seven Picassos.

Not to be outdone, the MGM Grand boasts that "world-class" paintings will adorn a new wing. The Rio is hoping to compensate for its undesirable location in November by hosting the largest exhibition of decorative art ever to leave the tsars' Peterhof palace in St Petersburg. It also claims to have the finest wine cellar in the desert.

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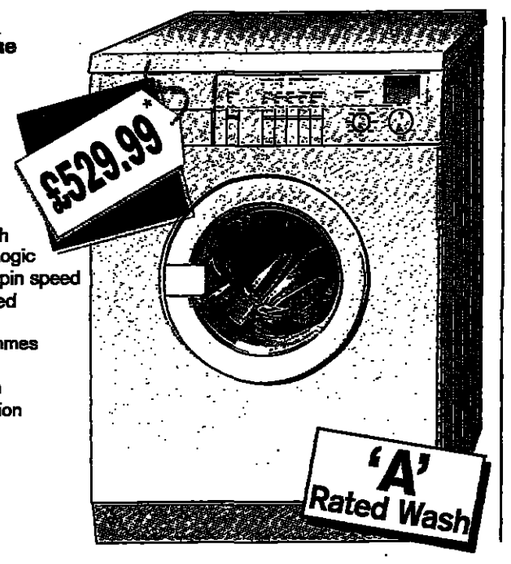
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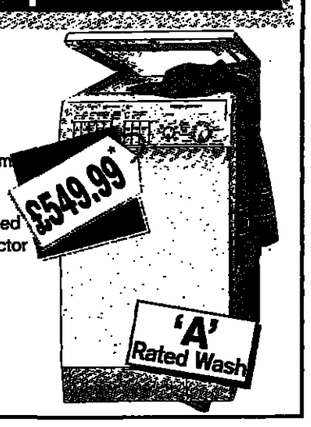
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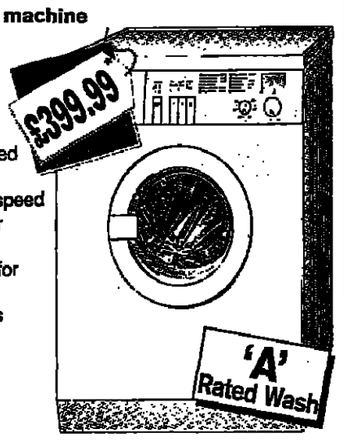
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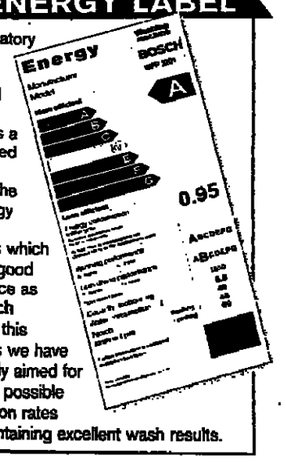


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British poet lives in penury as Italy sings his praises

Richard Owen sees the plight of Peter Russell, beset by disasters, including the loss of literary treasures

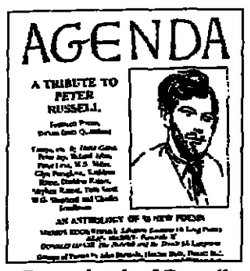
CHRIS WARDE-JONES



Peter Russell, 77, at work in his Tuscan home, where he survives on cigarettes and whisky-laced orange juice. Pensions bring in £175 a month

A BRITISH poet who is one of the few living links with the vanished world of Ezra Pound and T.S. Eliot is living in the remote Tuscan countryside in conditions of such poverty that his plight has been raised in the Italian parliament.

Peter Russell, 77, is perhaps best known as the inventor of the grumpy and lascivious Roman poet Quintilius, whose wry and perceptive "elegies" on lust, life and death were first published in the 1950s. A disciple of Pound, near whom he lived in Venice, and of Eliot, whom he also knew well, Russell — a distant relative of the philosopher Bertrand Russell — taught literature at universities in Italy, the United States, Canada and Iran. Fluent in Italian, Russian and Persian (Farsi), with a deep knowledge of Latin and Greek, Russell has been described as "the last of the great Modernists". His 1984 collected poems, *All for the Wolves*, was hailed in *The Times* as the work of "a poet of the high Romantic tradition", and Robert Nye described the Quintilius poems as "a supreme fiction, with that quality of authority which comes when a man achieves his own tone and pitch after a lifetime learning the craft of verse".



Cover sketch of Russell

But Russell suffered a series of misfortunes including illness, the breakdown of his second marriage, and a disastrous fire in 1990 that destroyed almost all of his personal archives, including "box after box" of correspondence with Pound, Eliot, Anthony Burgess, Ted Hughes, Kathleen Raine and others, as well as his own manuscripts and translations.

Since 1986 he has lived in an abandoned millhouse in the Apennine hills outside the remote village of Pian di Sco, halfway between Florence and Arezzo. A forgotten figure, Russell survives on a small pension from the Italian Government "for services to Italian literature" — he writes in Italian as well as English — and an even smaller pension from the Civil List, negotiated for him by friends in Britain who appealed on his behalf to the then Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker. "This is not the Chiantishire of rich villas and swimming pools," Russell told me. "My two pensions together amount to £175 a month." The last half mile to his mill home must be done on foot. From outside it looks picturesque, above a tumbling mill stream. Inside it is a clutter of books and manuscripts — Russell mails his books and a humorous newsletter to subscribers. He lives in the untidy kitchen on a diet of cigarettes and orange juice laced with whisky. There is no heating — Tuscan winters can be bitter — and he would not survive without gifts of food from the local council.

Three Italian senators recently appealed to Professor Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, to intervene in view of Russell's "precarious health". One, Italo Marri, a publisher representing Tuscany for the far-right Alleanza Nazionale, said Russell was "one of the greatest living poets" and part of a long tradition of British writers in Italy. "Italian hospitality to writers is at stake," he said. The fire at the neglected mill, also subject to flooding, had destroyed "manuscripts by some of the top literary names of our century", he added.

The Italian press, which has also taken up Russell's case, refers to him as "Bertrand Russell's cousin", which he calls a misunderstanding. He met the philosopher through Boris Pasternak, whom he also knew, and whose poetry and prose he translated from self-taught Russian.

Born in Bristol and brought up near Bath, Russell first wanted to be a naturalist, too. "I bicycled all round southern Gloucestershire and northern Somerset, and composed a sonnet for each of the 400 birds known in the British Isles."

He served with the Royal Artillery in Europe, Burma and Malaya during the Second World War, and from 1948 — the year Eliot was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature — to 1964 he ran a London bookshop and edited the poetry review *Nine*. "Eliot was very kind to me, I think he saw me as a kindred spirit. We shared an interest in and friendship with Ezra Pound who, after his arrest in 1945 for his wartime pro-Fascist activities in Italy, was incarcerated in a mental hospital in Washington DC."

Although left-wing — he once joined the Communist Party — Russell overlooked Pound's politics and became a fervent disciple, writing a standard work on the author, then settling near him in Venice when Pound returned to Italy in 1958. "Forty years on, I still think everything Ezra wrote was absolutely right — his economic treatises as well as his poetry. He backed the loser, but that can be a virtue." His own work, he says, was tremendously influenced by Pound, who "revised" some Quintilius poems.

Among modern poets writing in English, Russell admires Seamus Heaney and Ted Hughes, but considers the late Philip Larkin overrated — "gifted, of course, but a good poet of the third grade. I mean that as a compliment". He places himself firmly in the long line of writers to settle in Italy, from Walter Savage Landor in 1815 through Keats, Byron, Shelley and Browning to Pound and Burgess. "The Italians are absurdly indulgent toward foreigners, bless them."

He is comforted, he says, by the example of Paul Verlaine, who lived "in wretched circumstances" at the end of his life (he died in 1896). "Verlaine was the founder of modern poetry, the forerunner of Pound and Eliot. He once observed that, whereas a poet who sold 30,000 copies of his books was probably a bad writer, one who sold only 00 copies might begin to think himself a poet after all."



Ezra Pound, much admired by Russell who became a disciple and friend, in a portrait by Wyndham Lewis

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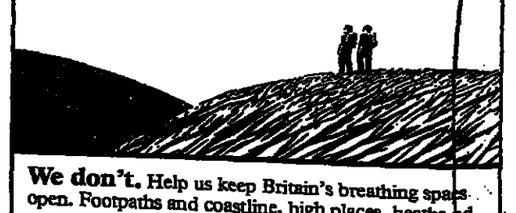
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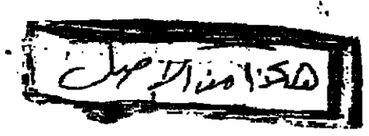
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Dumas: wrote story in exile

Lost Dumas novel finds a new generation of readers

A 'politically incorrect' story surfaces after 150 years, writes **Ben Macintyre**

A VAST novel by Alexandre Dumas, lost for almost 150 years, was published in France for the first time yesterday, following a romantic tale of loss and rediscovery worthy of the author of *The Three Musketeers* himself.

La Maison Royale de Savoie (The Royal House of Savoy) was written by the French author as a serialisation for a Turin newspaper when Dumas lived in exile between 1852 and 1856.

The book relates the picturesque and action-filled story of the Savoy royal family from 1550 to 1850, complete with the romantic interludes and political intrigues typical of Dumas. But after the serialisation it simply vanished.

Although it amounts to some 2,500 pages — a huge novel even for a writer as prolific as Dumas — the work never appeared in the listings of the Bibliothèque Nationale and was hitherto unknown to Dumas scholars.

The forgotten novel came to light when a historian of the Savoy dynasty, André Palluel-Guillard, was browsing in second-hand bookshops in Turin and found, first some newspaper illustrations for *The Royal House of Savoy*, and then the work itself.

An early Dumas fan had, it seems, taken the trouble to collect every issue of *Le Constitutionnel*, Turin's French-language paper, and then assemble the complete novel in four huge leather-bound tomes. M Palluel-Guillard and a colleague bought the volumes for the equivalent of £50.

"We informed the Alexandre Dumas museum of the discovery, and we got the most friendly letters back saying they knew absolutely nothing about it," M Palluel-Guillard said in an interview with *Le Figaro* this week.

A committed republican, Dumas left France after Louis-Napoléon Bonaparte's coup of 1851 and went into exile in Turin and Brussels, partly as a political act but also to avoid the Paris bailiffs. Deprived of his literary collaborators, he "churned it out", in the words of M Palluel-Guillard, who remarked that "Dumas wrote in the way that other people flick together sauces".

Jacques Bourdon, of La Fontaine de Siloé, which is publishing the work in four volumes, said: "This is absolutely Dumas: an unemployed Dumas who was being paid by the line and piled on the asides and tangents. Even better, he wrote it, for once, entirely on his own. That is a first." The disappearance of his Savoy novel appears particularly mysterious, given the popular success that Dumas had achieved with his serialised novels such as *The Three Musketeers* and *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

The explanation may be political, since Dumas's trumpeting of the Royal House of Savoy could well have earned the displeasure of powerful Italians. Savoy became part of France in 1860. "He had probably annoyed the minister (Camillo) Cavour and the future king of Italy, Victor Emmanuel II," M Palluel-Guillard said.

Eritrea takes on mighty 'empire' to defend lands

Sam Kiley reports on the iron-hard military discipline that gained independence after 30 years of war

ERITREA'S President, Issaias Afewerki, was once described by a fellow rebel leader as "small, wiry and very, very dangerous". The same could be said of his country, which yesterday locked horns with its giant neighbour, Ethiopia, in an air and land battle over places impossible to find on most maps.

That Mr Afewerki and his countrymen would go to war over rocks and scrub only fit for goats is no surprise. For 30 years they fought Haile Selassie, Ethiopia's Emperor, and Mengistu Haile Mariam, the genocidal Stalinist who deposed him, for an independent Eritrea.

Any attempt to wrestle away part of a territory that came into an independent entity separate from Ethiopia only five years ago was bound to end in blood.

"When we fight," said a government official in Asmara, the capital, "we fight hard".

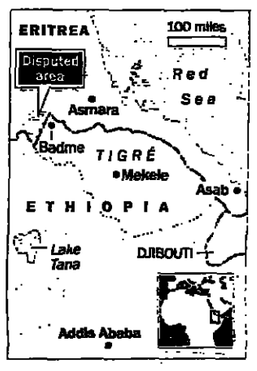
But, apart from an ill-fated attempt by Yemen to seize control of the picturesque Dahlak Islands in the Red Sea three years ago, Eritrea had sought to turn its martial skills to more useful ends in setting up a state to be an example of the model modern African country. Mr Afewerki had little trouble instilling a work ethic among his former fighters, who during the Mengistu years confronted a million-strong army that was backed, armed, led and trained by the Soviet Union.

Often hiding for months in caves, they steadily enriched their armouries with weapons stolen from their enemies, eventually fielding armoured brigades against the Ethiopians, and showed extraordinary levels of discipline.

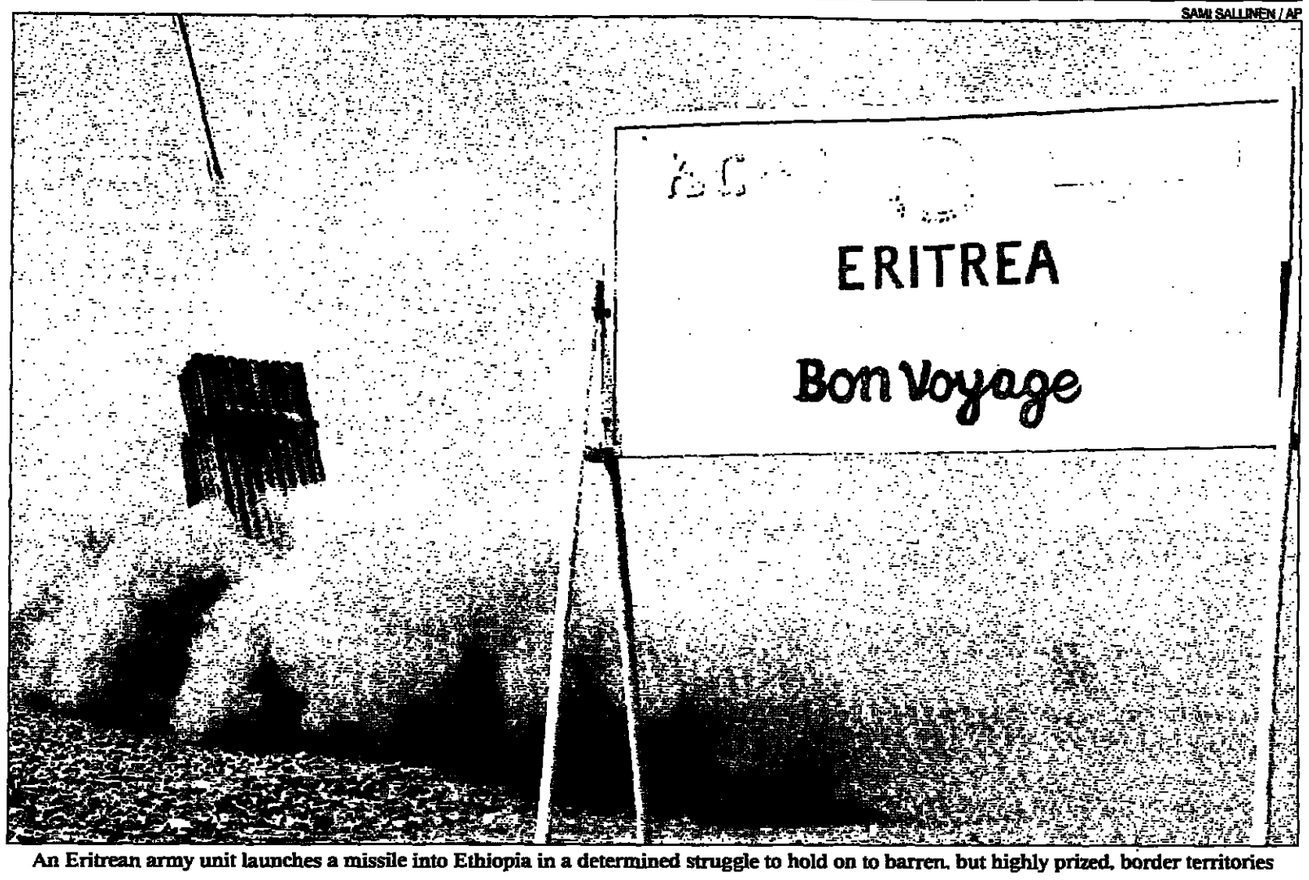
Members of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, men and women fighting alongside one another, owed their greatest loyalty to 12-person cells. Military discipline was absolute. In May, 1991, one young officer defied orders not to drink when the Eritrean rebels entered Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, alongside Ethiopian rebel fighters. He was dragged from the bar where he was having a quick beer and unceremoniously killed by his commander in the street.

Demobilising 65,000 fighters, Mr Afewerki released a disciplined work force on to the market at the same time as encouraging expatriate Eritreans to return to their homeland, bringing their dollars and skills with them.

The mixture was a success. A Government of authoritarian and militaristic nature has been able to stamp out any suggestion of corruption or mismanagement of state funds. Private enterprise has been encouraged, growth rates have been approaching 7 per cent. Even British blue-chip companies such as BT, which helped to install a state-of-the-art national telephone system, were glad to take part in the birth of the Eritrean nation.



SAMI SALLINEN / AP



An Eritrean army unit launches a missile into Ethiopia in a determined struggle to hold on to barren, but highly prized, border territories

Asmara, the capital of the former Italian colony, was restored to a grandeur unknown in the rest of Africa. While most African capitals are blighted by crime, open sewers, failing services and appalling food, Asmara has the atmosphere of a *fin de siècle* Italian resort.

Handsome Eritreans and Westerners chat in open-air restaurants sipping fine espresso. A cosmopolitan crowd, they are as likely to be found chatting about the latest London fringe show as local politics.

Yet, as the Yemeni soldiers discovered in 1995, scratch an Eritrean and you will find a guerrilla not far below the surface. A commando team of 180 Yemenis was captured on Greater Hanish Island, the largest of the Dahlaks, which remain in Eritrean hands. Short of land, much of it either mountain or part of the sweltering Danakil Depression populated by tribesmen of legendary ferocity, the Eritreans launched raids at the beginning of last month to "retake" land along their southern border that they claimed was being "stealthily absorbed" by Ethiopia.

Yesterday an Ethiopian government official insisted: "We had hoped to sort out this dispute, which had been going on for years, by talking, by negotiating. But the Eritreans surprised us all and just charged into Ethiopian territory. We could not accept that."

Though once close allies, and close friends with Ethiopia's Prime Minister, Meles Zenawi, Mr Afewerki, like all Eritreans, has been obsessed by the potential threat of Ethiopian re-expansion and pressure on politicians from the ultra-imperialist Amhara community in Addis Ababa to restore Selassie's empire.

But the Ethiopians will find the Eritreans no pushover. Describing the downing of an Ethiopian jet yesterday by Eritrean gunners, Alexander Last, a Reuters journalist, said that Eritreans charged through the streets cheering when they heard the news, and then rushed to help to put out fires at the airport.

If there are further airport raids, foreign nationals being advised to leave the country may have to do so by boat to Egypt or Yemen, on the eastern shores of the Red Sea.

Blair and Prodi hint at action on Kosovo

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

BRITAIN and Italy yesterday sent a "very clear and very strong message" to Belgrade over Kosovo, warning Yugoslav President Milosevic that, unless stability and dialogue were restored, the Western powers would consider "every option that is open to us".

Tony Blair, speaking after talks with Romano Prodi, his Italian counterpart, declined to be drawn into details on what action the West might take. But he said: "I think it would be a very serious mistake for people to underestimate our resolve and determination."

Mr Blair said Britain, which holds the presidency of the EU Council of Ministers, would hold discussions "with our key friends and allies over the next few days to specify what action we are prepared to take". He was in Rome for a series of discussions in European capitals before the forthcoming EU summit in Cardiff marking the end of Britain's presidency.

☐ Brussels: The European Union said yesterday that it would increase its $2.2 million (£1.35 million) aid package for Kosovo to help Albania to cope with an influx of refugees from the Serbian province. *(AP)*

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Injuries hinder effort to identify rail victims

Bonn: Relatives have found difficulty in identifying the bodies of those who died in the German rail disaster at Eschede in Lower Saxony because of the high-speed force of the crash (Roger Boyes writes). So grave are the injuries that only one corpse has been identified in the strict clinical sense. A further 20 had papers identifying them.

The death toll rose to 96 yesterday and seemed likely to go higher. Hans Dieter Tröger, director of the Medical Academy in Hanover where the bodies are being kept, said: "One has to assume from the injuries that they all died instantly."

Boy, 11, faces 40 years in jail

Dallas: An 11-year-old Texas boy has been convicted of sexually assaulting a three-year-old girl and could face up to 40 years behind bars. The boy and two brothers, aged seven and eight, stripped the girl and assaulted her, including hitting her with shoes and a brick, after she wandered from her home and followed them to a nearby creek on April 9. The brothers, who are too young to face charges, both testified during the trial of the 11-year-old that they took part in the sexual assault. *(Reuters)*

Sri Lanka censors war news

Colombo: Sri Lanka imposed censorship after fighting between soldiers and Tamil Tiger rebels in which hundreds were reported dead. The clandestine rebel radio said more than 100 soldiers were killed in Kilinochchi and that 20 guerrillas died resisting a military advance southwards from the town. Defence officials said more than 150 Tigers were killed by the army. The Government then imposed censorship on local and foreign reports. There have been similar restrictions previously. *(AFP)*

Storm floods North Korea

Seoul: High waves and storms devastated crops and tore down hundreds of power pylons in North Korea, adding to the Stalinist state's food crisis, according to the North's official Korean Central News Agency. It said that ships were washed ashore by waves up to 13ft high and irrigation networks were destroyed in the eastern province of Kangwon. The country is already in the grip of a serious food crisis caused by floods, drought and other natural disasters. *(AFP)*

Police deaf to criticism

Hong Kong: The Independent Police Complaints Council here said police were wrong to play Beethoven's Fifth Symphony over loudspeakers at high volume to drown out a demonstration by a pro-democracy group during handover celebrations last year. It said the music was "an unnecessary use of authority", and urged police to review their handling of demonstrations. The Commissioner of Police rejected the ruling. *(AFP)*

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Lethal legacy of atoll testing

Papeete: Enough plutonium to make a small nuclear bomb has been left in the Polynesian atolls used by France for its nuclear tests, according to an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report.

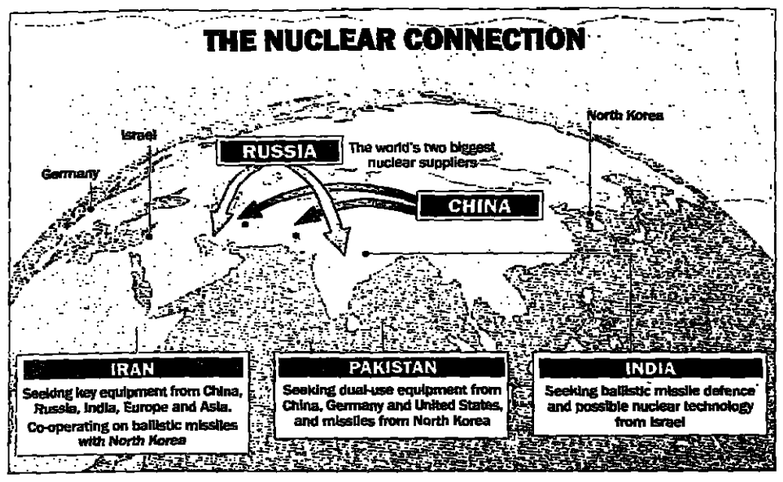
In all, 17.5 lb of plutonium was left on the seabed of the atolls at Mururoa and Fangataufa. The agency said the amount was "relatively big", but insisted that it posed no danger to the population. A bomb the size of the one dropped on Hiroshima would need about twice as much.

France conducted 193 underground and atmospheric nuclear weapons tests in Polynesia between 1966 and January 27, 1996, when it was facing increasing international criticism.

The IAEA said the left plutonium was "of little importance from a radiological point of view" because of the low risk of inhaling or digesting it.



A French test on Mururoa atoll



Asians have a nuclear arms 'Yellow Pages'

Michael Evans reports on a buoyant trade in deadly technology

THE establishment of India and Pakistan as nuclear weapons states has exposed the complex links between a small number of nations that have been prepared to transfer key technology, expertise and equipment in return for cash and influence.

Despite all the efforts by counter-proliferation intelligence officers from the CIA, MI6 and other Western agencies, countries determined to build their own nuclear bomb have the equivalent of a Yellow Pages to assist them.

There are companies in Europe, Asia and the United States which, wittingly or not, have played a part in supplying equipment that contributed towards the nuclear dreams of India and Pakistan.

So-called dual-use products, with a civilian function but which can be used or adapted for military purposes, do not have the high profile of a nuclear reactor or a ballistic missile system. But a country which is single-minded about developing weapons of mass destruction relies on these purchases and can acquire them on the open market.

They range from gyroscopes for guiding missiles to sophisticated computers. It is known, for example, that 30 gyroscopes were shipped from Russia to Iraq some years ago. The guidance systems were not delivered by the Russian Government but came out of a warehouse and were sold to middlemen.

There is little argument that China and Russia have been the big players in exporting nuclear and ballistic missile technology — with North Korea an ever-present rival. The danger now is that, with two more countries in the nuclear club, the risk of further proliferation has increased, partly because India and Pakistan have close ties with other would-be nuclear states and partly because the military stakes have been raised in the whole region.

Iran, Iraq, North Korea and Libya are already on the list of usual suspects plotting to become nuclear weapons states; and Iran and North Korea both have close links with Pakistan. If North Korea develops a nuclear arsenal, with ballistic missiles to match, South Korea and Japan, each technically capable of producing an atomic bomb within a short period, would feel pressure to follow suit.

Gennadi Yevstafyev, head of the Office for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation at the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service, said recently: "Today, as perhaps never before, the world community is facing a choice. Either we shall soon find ways to reverse the process of nuclear proliferation in the military sphere or we'll be challenged by dozens of threshold states and unofficial nuclear powers in the future. Should it happen, we shall all be frightened out of our wits."

His comment is filled with irony. In a report published by the CIA last July, Russia and China were described as the "premier exporters of weapons of mass destruction and related technology".

The CIA's non-proliferation centre, the equivalent of Mr Yevstafyev's department in Moscow, said that in 1996 Russia was "an important source" for nuclear programmes in Iran, and to a lesser extent in India and Pakistan. Russia is continuing, despite pleas from Washington, to help Iran to construct a nuclear power plant at Bushehr.

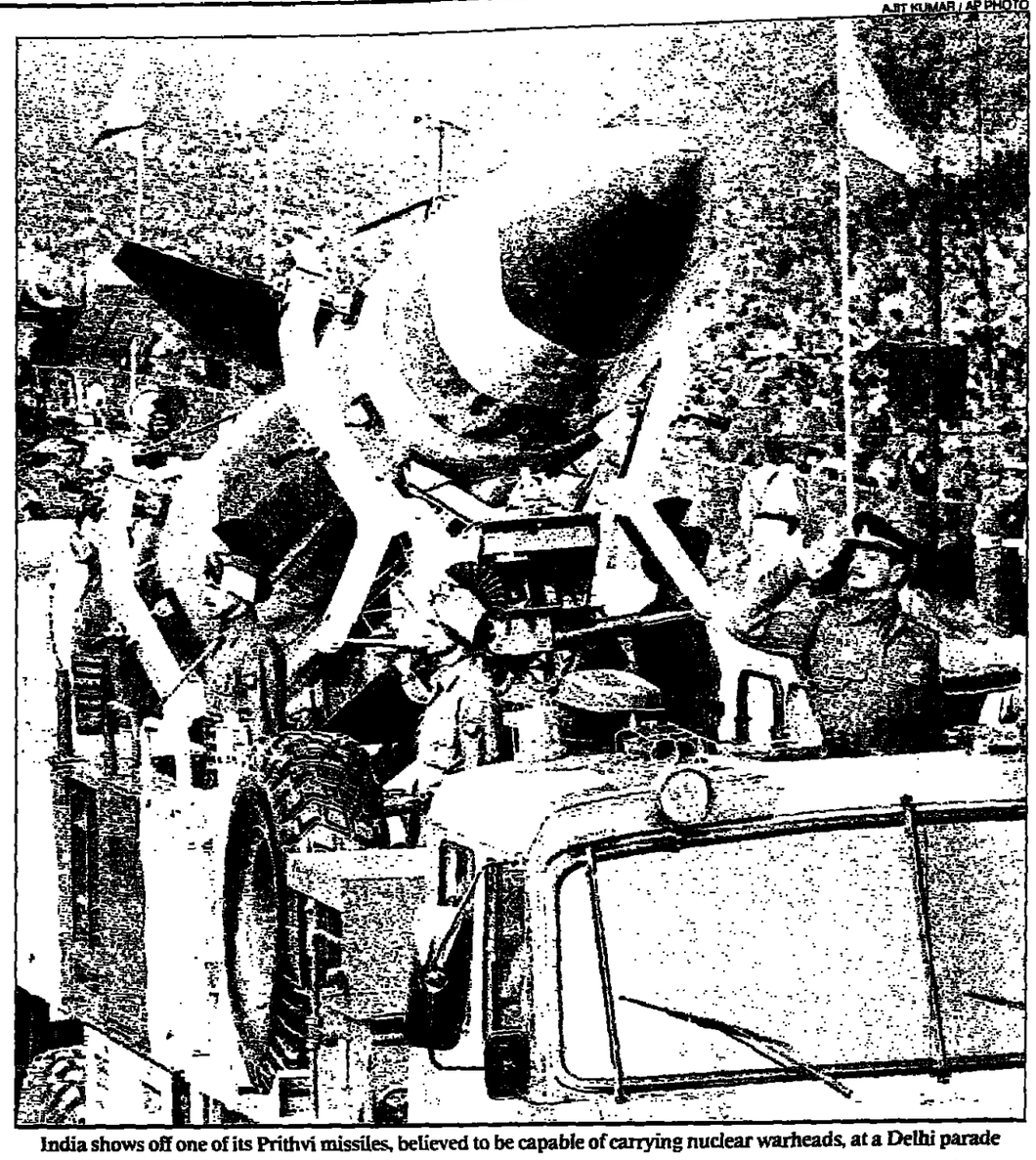
On China, the report said: "The Chinese provided a tremendous variety of assistance to both Iran's and Pakistan's ballistic missile programme."

Highlighting the clandestine nuclear links across the globe, the CIA report revealed that Iran's acquisition efforts are unrelenting, with its agents hunting for supplies from Russia, Europe, China, India and elsewhere in Asia. Pakistan was also accused of being aggressive in seeking out equipment and technology for its nuclear weapons programme, not only from China but also from the United States and other Western nations.

Germany was singled out as a favoured country for Pakistan's nuclear buyers. Although Bonn's toughened export controls have succeeded in thwarting many of the purchasing attempts, German firms are suspected of having sold dual-use equipment that escaped the net.

However, China was Pakistan's biggest supplier. In 1996, the CIA is understood to have warned the US State Department that China had sold 5,000 ring magnets — crucial components for gas centrifuges that extract enriched weapons-grade uranium from uranium gas — to the Abdul Qadeer Khan nuclear research laboratory of the Pakistan Government in Kahuta.

The links are widening. Israel has denied reports that it helped India to carry out last month's nuclear tests, but the two countries are close and there is evidence that Delhi is interested in trying to purchase the Israeli Arrow anti-ballistic missile defence system. This would accelerate the nuclear arms race in South-East Asia, just as it did in the Cold War.



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India shows off one of its Prithvi missiles, believed to be capable of carrying nuclear warheads, at a Delhi parade

Climbdown rejected

Delhi: India, urged by the five nuclear powers at Thursday's Geneva meeting to show restraint, yesterday ruled out unilateral concessions over its nuclear programme and rejected mediation in its dispute over Kashmir. It repeated its demand for nuclear disarmament by all world powers. Pakistan said the Geneva meeting showed a recognition of the urgent need to address South Asia's security issues. (AFP)



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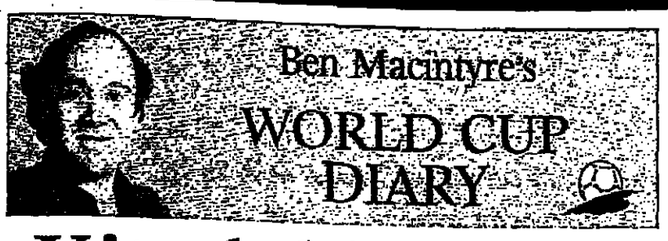
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Ben Macintyre's WORLD CUP DIARY

Kitsch kicks out culture as French go football crazy

EVEN the most avid French football *fans are surely beginning to wonder* what is happpening to their nation's culture as the World Cup gets under way: *famous Paris landmarks* are vanishing, the country's standard of exam results is set to plummet, *political debate is being suspended for* a month and a tidal wave of kitsch is sweeping a land once celebrated for its taste and refinement.

The elegant Egyptian obelisk in the Place de la Concorde has been imprisoned in scaffolding to create a vast replica of the World Cup trophy, a bizarre white ice-cream visible from the other side of the city.

Just across the Seine, the French parliament is preparing for record rates of absenteeism: "With matches at 2.30, 4.00 and 5.30pm, we won't be seeing many MPs in the house," one parliamentary official remarked. In a *neat demonstration of the country's* new priorities, the deeply divided conservative opposition has decided to delay *the official launch of a new* political alliance until after the final.

The literary pages of French newspa*pers, usually the preserve of intense* academic debate, have given themselves over to an orgy of football. The *heavyweight Le Monde even offers* deeply serious reviews of books by British soccer hooligans, such as John King's *The Football Factory*. "The style is lively, the language crude and there is no lack of detail, sometimes to the point of nausea, about the past excesses of Chelsea fans and the author's sexual practices."

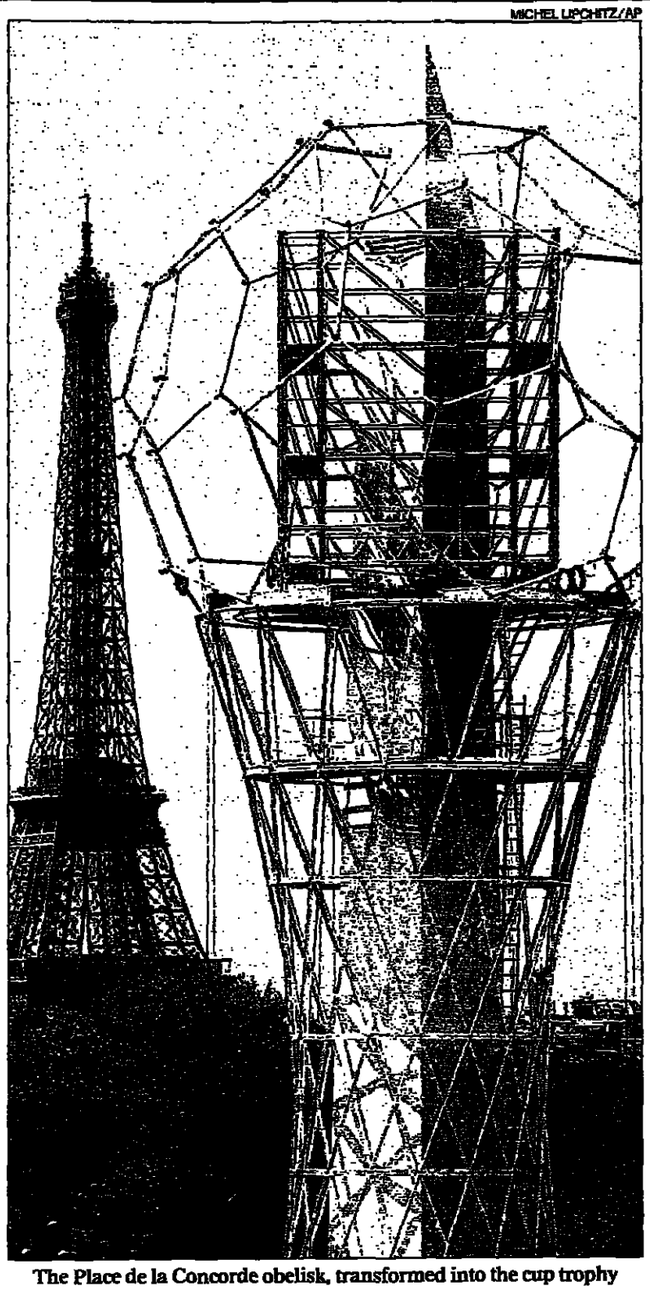
There is no evidence that too much football rots the mind, but it may well wreck French exam results this year since several key matches will take place the night before students sit the baccalauréat, the French equivalent of A levels. Given the choice between watching France play Saudi Arabia *and boning up for the economics exam* the next day, many students are expected to take the patriotic option.

In a similar threat to the nation's education, trainee teachers from the provinces are complaining that they cannot find accommodation in Paris for a vital oral exam because all the hotel rooms have been booked by football fans. The national student union has appealed to the Education Minister to find them alternative beds or risk a radically lowered pass rate because students will have to spend the night sleeping rough.

Someone has calculated that every visiting football fan will spend about £100 a day while in France, much of it on a truly astonishing array of souvenir tat, to judge from the World Cup gift shops appearing all over Paris. One such boutique has even cropped *up in the Boulevard Saint Germain*, to the fury of locals who still like to think of their *quartier* as the intellectual *heart of France*.

It is hard to write your sensitive novel at the café table when, just a few *yards away, people are buying such in*spirational items as World Cup loo seats, bras made from leatherette footballs, Coupe du Monde champagne, chocolate footballs and, of course, the celebrated World Cup condoms.

MICHEL LIPCHITZ/AP



The Place de la Concorde obelisk, transformed into the cup trophy

All bets are on for City dealers

Adam Fresco reports on the winning goals of high-rollers

FOUR days before the first ball is kicked in the World Cup, high-rollers are risking *millions of pounds in spread* betting on the tournament.

It is Britain's fastest-growing form of gambling, where thousands can be won or lost in minutes. A few months ago, one dealer turned £5 into a windfall of more than £5 million.

Punters can bet on anything in the World Cup, from the number of corners taken to how many minutes England will play for. Many are staking up to £2,000 on each goal scored.

*Spread-betting firm City In*dex believes there will be between 165 and 169 goals, so *City dealers are betting money* on every goal over or under that prediction. If there are only 140 goals scored and a dealer has bet £1,000 on there being more than 169, he will have to pay 169 minus 140 times £1,000, which means losses of £29,000.

Stockbroker Nigel Howe is one of the pioneers of spread betting, and was one of the first customers of City Index 14 years ago. Over the years he has won and lost hundreds of thousands of pounds. During a Test match in the early 1990s against India he believed England would do well and bet £25 *a run, then happily watched* Graham Gooch score 333.

"Of course it is not all win, win, win," says Mr Howe. "I have taken some monster hits." The biggest was a bet on the FTSE 100 in 1987, the year that the market crashed and he lost £40,000.

During the last World Cup, City Index took £1 million; that rose to £3 million for Euro '96. The firm expects punters to put £5 million at risk during this tournament. Last year it had a betting turnover of £50 million. City Index has introduced a system called Sporting Options where punters know how much they can lose by taking out a sort of insurance policy.

Michael Paterson has been spread betting for ten years and now gambles up to four times a day. The *former* stockbroker, 49, who is the finance director with the Oriental Restaurant Group, spread bets mostly on the financial markets but will have a bet on sport "for fun". *One bit of fun cost him* £20,000 when he incorrectly predicted that there would not be many runs in a cricket match: 800 were scored.

In the 1970s, spread betting was the best-kept secret in the City as dealers bet with each other on the closing price of the FTSE, or the price of soya beans, or even how long it would take a raindrop to run down a window. But with the opening of several spread-betting firms, it has become the fastest-growing form of gambling in the country.

SPREAD BETTING AND THE WORLD CUP

STATISTICS AND BETS

City Index spread bets for this tournament which consists of 64 games

How many minutes England will play for: 440-460

In Italia 1990 England played for 630 minutes including extra time

How many minutes Scotland will play for: 305-320

In USA 1994 Scotland played for 270 minutes

How many goals will be scored: 165-169

Total goals	Games	Average goals per game
1994 tournament 144	52	2.77
1990 tournament 115	52	2.21
1986 tournament 142	52	2.73

How many red cards will be given : 39-42

How many yellow cards will be given: 315-330

Total bookings 1994 World Cup

Games	Yellow	Red
52	207	13

Average yellow cards per game 3.98

Average red cards per game 0.25

Some other bets available at City Index

Total number of the shirt numbers of scorers: 1,850-1900,

Corners: 650-670,

Aggregate time of first goal: 2,370-2,430,

Fastest goal (seconds) 115-135.

Spouting in the shower



Ginola: soapy wisdom

FOR intellectual succour, there is only one man to turn to: David Ginola, the Tottenham *philosophe* who, having not been selected for the French team, is offering *bons mots* to various French magazines, with roughly half his clothes on. In a steamy session with an interviewer, Camille Pouzol, we are told that: "The most sexy and best-coiffed footballer of his generation at last reveals to me whether he prefers a shower or a bath." But the great man is characteristically oblique: "When the shower pressure is too weak, the soap sticks to your hairs ... I hate that." Next week: *David Ginola's* pedicure, plus tips on removing stubborn grass stains.

Brazil star in overdrive

LOSING Romario through injury must have been traumatic enough for the Brazilian coach, but when Ronaldo, the world's most expensive footballer, vanished before he got to the team hotel, Mario Zagallo must have come close to breakdown.

Due to an administrative snafu, there was no one to meet the striker when he arrived from Rome late on May 21. As the airport emptied, *Ronaldo decided to take a* taxi to the team headquarters at Château de La Romaine, in Lesigny, less than 20 miles from Charles de Gaulle airport. But what with the darkness, winding roads and the excitement of transporting Brazil's World Cup maestro, the driver became disorientated, then panicky and finally hopelessly lost.

After driving around for two



Ronaldo: mystery tour

hours, with stops to consult a map every so often, the taxi finally arrived at the hotel at 2am, with an exasperated footballer and a hysterical cabbie aboard. At least, that was Ronaldo's story. But perhaps he just went for a kebab.

Police set their trap for 'sewer rat' gang

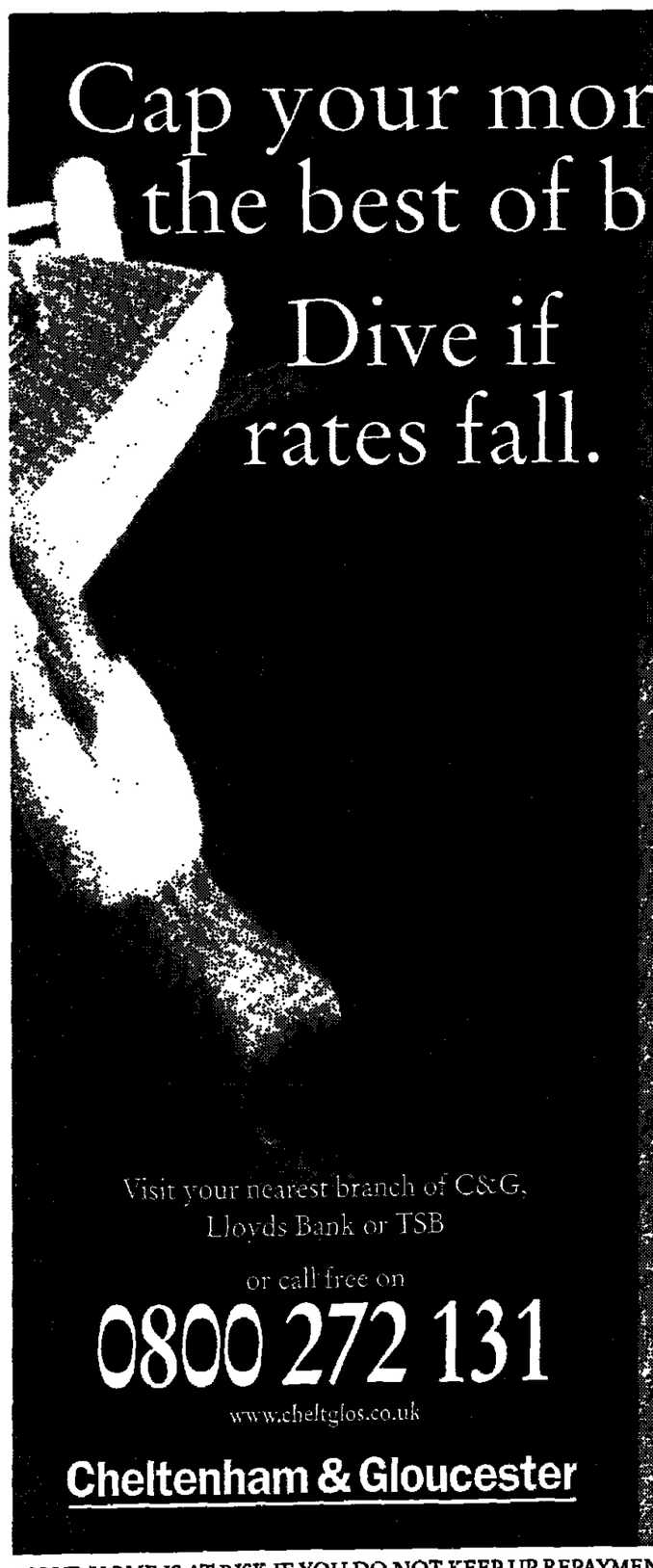
SINCE everyone else is *making* a fortune out of the World Cup, France's criminal fraternity is not going to be outdone.

In the knowledge that the forces of law and order are concentrating fully on policing the World Cup, an ingenious gang of bank robbers known as the "sewer rats" has been hard at work digging a tunnel under two banks in Marseilles. The gang has already struck several times via the city's sewers, and the tunnel, leading out of a drain, was already 20ft long and directly beneath the Crédit Agricole bank when it was discovered last week.

Investigators believe the robbers intended to empty the bank on June 12, when France plays South Africa. "*Every single policeman* and security official in the city would be mobilised at the various World Cup sites, such as the stadium, beaches and the Old Port," one officer said. Investigators are confident they can catch the gang, presumably with sniffer dogs.

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Centenary tributes for mother of ballet

"Madam", the founder of the Royal Ballet, is 100 today. **Debra Craine** reports



Dame Ninette: has the "humility of genius"



Dame Ninette de Valois teaching Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones at the Royal Ballet School in 1974, photographed by Snowdon. "Madam is the driving force behind it all. There is nobody like her," he said

TODAY is the 100th birthday of Dame Ninette de Valois, founder of the Royal Ballet, Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Royal Ballet School.

Starting with only a handful of dancers at Sadler's Wells Theatre in 1931, Dame Ninette founded one of the greatest dance empires in the world. More than anyone, she created the ideal of a national ballet company and she put British ballet on the international map.

Tonight Birmingham Royal Ballet will mark the centenary with a special night at the Birmingham Hippodrome that will feature a revival of Dame Ninette's 1940 comic ballet *The Prospect Before Us*, and 1,700 pieces of birthday cake for the audience.

She will not be there but is expected to attend a special performance in her honour at the Royal Ballet Lower School (White Lodge). The Royal Ballet in London marks the occasion on June 15 with a gala birthday evening at the Barbican Theatre.

Dame Ninette — born Edris Stannus in Baltiboys, Ireland, on June 6, 1898 — fell in love with dance when she learnt the Irish jig as a child. Her fledgeling career as a teenage dancer took her to "every pier in England" before she found her way into pantomimes on the West End.

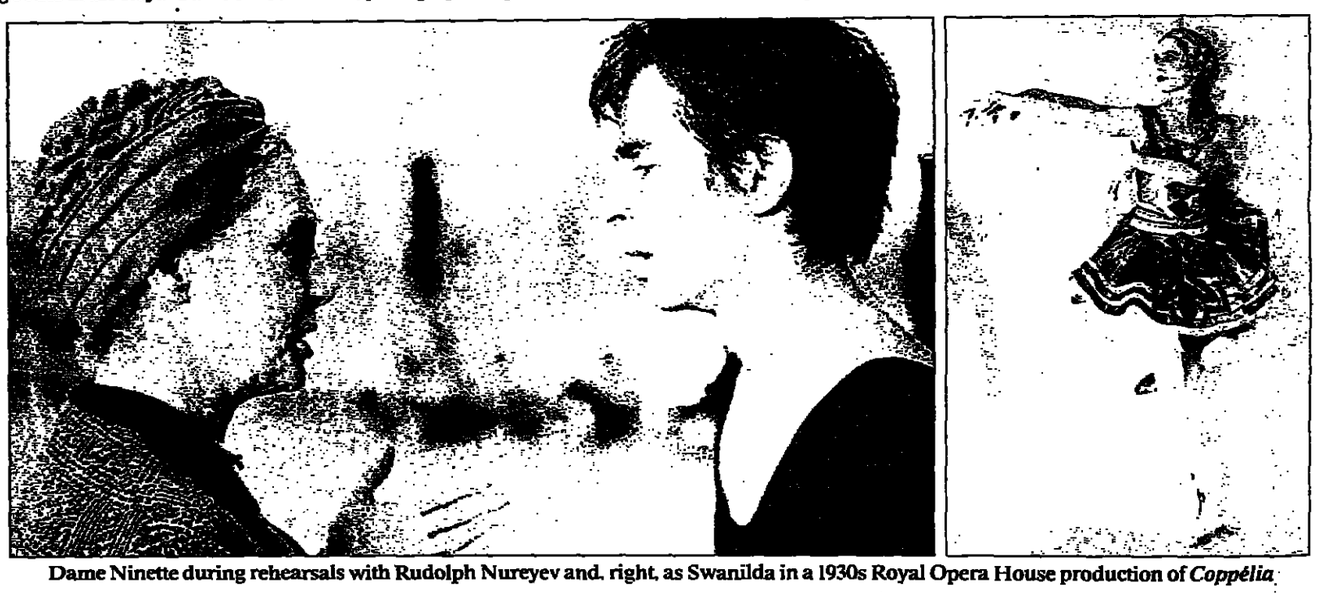
In 1923 she joined Diaghilev's Ballets Russes and it was there that "Madam's" dream of starting a British ballet company was born. Returning to England, she found and nurtured dancers — including the child Margot Fonteyn — acquiring the great Russian classics for them to dance and choreographing several landmark ballets of her own.

In 1946 confirmation of her extraordinary achievement came with the company's move to Covent Garden. "Madam is the driving force behind it all. There is nobody like her," said Lord Snowdon, who photographed Dame Ninette many times over the years, including the occasion in 1974 when she taught his 10-year-old daughter, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, at the Royal Ballet School.

"It was always a great experience sitting next to her in the dress circle during a performance at Covent Garden," Lord Snowden said. "She used to talk quite loudly; 'come on, get that leg higher boy,' she would say. Which, to some poor tourist going to the ballet for the first time and not knowing who Madam was, was amazing.

"She was wonderful to photograph. She just had that kind of charisma that demanded respect through admiration. Her personality was so strong you actually found her face exciting and pleasing. She was never one for personal publicity. With the typical humility of genius she never sought the limelight."

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Dame Ninette during rehearsals with Rudolph Nureyev and, right, as Swanilda in a 1930s Royal Opera House production of *Coppélia*

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Life is for living, says miserable Meldrew

Actor who plays it for laughs has a serious message for the elderly, writes **Valerie Elliott**

VICTOR MELDREW, alias Richard Wilson, the star of BBC's *One Foot in the Grave*, wants to take up golf. He might also offer his services as a security guard or house-sitter to other "wrinklies" in exchange for some free gardening or painting.

The 61-year-old actor and prominent Labour supporter yesterday emerged as the public face of a new government campaign to give older people a better quality of life. He is hoping to influence future scripts for the hit television series to encourage older people out of their armchairs and to get involved in their communities.

So far his pleas to David Renwick, the writer, have fallen on deaf ears but Mr Wilson said yesterday that he would persevere. "The problem is there are a lot of older people like Victor Meldrew who just sit at home and whinge. It's a pity Victor can't channel his energy into something else," he said.

The actor spoke out as Tony Blair announced plans for a new team of ministers to draw up priorities to help the elderly and newly retired.

Mr Wilson said: "I have already suggested that Victor should take up golf. It is terribly important that older people keep fit and take up a sport. The problem with Victor is I don't think he would be very acceptable at many golf courses."

He said part of Victor's problem was that, like many older people, he did not know what facilities were on offer or where he could be of help. "Victor does help older people and he is connected with good deeds but he sometimes gets them wrong.

"Victor was made prematurely redundant and this is a growing problem for older people. It is very hard for them to get work and Victor is having a hard time. I think that basically Victor is a nice man and not grumpy at all." Mr Wilson was speaking at Westminster yesterday as the Government launched 28 pilot projects to improve public services for older people. One of the schemes is to barter services and the actor immediately thought of something Victor could do.



Wilson: public face of the new campaign

"He was a professional security guard you know. So I suppose he could offer security to people. He could do the night watch for someone's gardens or look after their empty house."

He is also keen on moves to allow older people to go into schools — and not just to help with reading. "They should also help in history and link the lessons to people's experiences. This would better open up a subject for pupils."

Mr Wilson — who has recently agreed to front a new BBC series depicting working centenarians around the world — urged older people not to give up. "You should ignore stereotypes. I get worried when older people get ages put on them, and that if someone is 70, they somehow can't do this or that."

He wants the new ministerial team to look hard at some radical help for pensioners and the newly redundant or retired. "I think older people should have free travel and much cheaper TV licences. After all they have given their all to us and we should do something to encourage them.

"I also think pensions should be looked at very carefully. Pensioners feel aggrieved at the moment."

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Valerie Grove on a career ruined by suspicion

Death of an accused teacher



Nick Drewett: a headmaster wrote to say that if there was ever anyone he would recommend as a teacher, it was him

We expect teachers to have many virtues: patience, altruism, benign tolerance, optimism. We also demand a thick skin. Nick Drewett was a born teacher, but his skin was not thick enough. For nine years he had been teaching games and religious instruction at Reigate St Mary's prep school in Surrey. Three weeks ago, at 31, he hanged himself rather than face accusations made against him. Seven hundred people went to his funeral.

To their credit, his mother and brother present an unembittered front, despite their conviction that Nick would have been exonerated. They have the same blue eyes and bright smiles when talking about Nick. Their urgent concern is that the law should be amended to protect anyone in his position from being named in the press.

In Nick's case one local paper, the *Reigate and Redhill Independent*, ran its headline "Teachers on choir school sex charges" on the front page. (Another member of staff of the same school is also being investigated and the case has not yet been heard.) "The front-page coverage is the first crippling blow," Nick's mother says. "To be named in that way is almost impossible to overcome." The Drewetts were a close-knit family with four sons who all went to Reigate Grammar School and all became Sea Scouts. Nick was the eldest. After school he trained at Winchester Teacher Training College. Gary, 30, graduated in modern languages and manages a group of hotels. Ashley, his twin, is a surveyor. Jason, at 23 the youngest, is still at college.



"Nick was an ideal role model," Gary says. "An all-rounder: good at work, and played football, cricket, squash, tennis, swam, sailed, windsurfed."

His mother, Judy Calverley, 57 — she is divorced from Nick's father, John Drewett, and remarried eight years ago — was formerly a social worker for the blind. Their family holidays — skiing, staying on farms, going with other families to a camp on Hayling Island — were sporting house-parties.

"We'd been a tiny bit doubtful about whether teaching was the right career for such a bright and promising boy as Nick, knowing the money would be minimal. But Nick wasn't interested in that." Before college he worked for a year at Collingwood School, Wallington in Surrey, and knew at once that teaching would be his life.

"Even at 18 his enthusiasm inspired the boys. He was a motivator. One boy he taught, David Sales, now plays cricket for Northamptonshire. Several Collingwood families came to the funeral and the headmaster wrote to say that if there was ever anyone he would recommend as a teacher it was Nick."

Since he started at Reigate St Mary's, which takes boys from 3 to 13, hundreds of boys have been in his care. He also helped to run the church activity scheme in the holidays for 16 years.

"Nick was very much a group person, a team player," Gary says. "The sort of person who would be the first one there, if anyone was in trouble."

On March 19, Nick was told that there was to be an investigation. He was given no details. He must go home at once and make no contact with colleagues, parents or children. "He was cut off from his normal life. This was crippling for such an active person," Mrs Calverley says. "He was always up, out, doing things. He never stopped.

"The legal system is long, slow and grinding. It was three weeks before he even knew what the charge was," Mrs Calverley says. "All he knew was that his life and career had been destroyed. His life just stopped completely. He was puzzled. All he thought was, how could it have happened? And why? There is no sensitivity from police and social services. None of his colleagues was interviewed. Nobody was asked about Nick's standing in the community, what sort of person he was. And meanwhile the coverage was so damaging. He was judged guilty by the reporting in the press."

"Such reporting seems conclusive and pre-emptive," Gary says. "People are presumed guilty by such treatment."

Not until April 9 was Nick called to the local police station, where he was questioned from 11.30am until a quarter to seven. "It was the worst day of his life, he wrote in the letter he left behind. He was so hurt that anyone could think he would harm a child, that anyone would ever think anything bad of him," Mrs Calverley says.

"He knew we would be hurt and anxious so he told us little else except that it was the most dreadful day of his life.

"He just knew he would never be able to live his life as he'd planned. He had hoped to become a deputy head, possibly a head. He would never again be free to go about helping people in the community; he would be scarred. It would be on his record for life, however unfounded. His career was blotted."

On the morning of the magistrates' court hearing at Reigate he was found hanged in his garage.

Mrs Calverley says: "The people who spoke to him the day before, including his ex-wife, had no idea that he was any more depressed than he had been during the previous weeks.

"I spoke to him at 6.30 that evening; he was going to his friends Linda and Peter's to watch the Chelsea match, and was coming to stay with us overnight. He rang to say he would be a bit late. We know he left their house at quarter to 10. The next morning his car was at his flat, and he was in the garage." The inquest will be on July 1.

Because of the case pending against the other teacher, the Drewett family cannot speak in detail about the accusations against their dead son.

A local Reigate resident and fellow church member, Michael Wright, wrote to *The Times* to protest about the local newspaper placards reading "Sex charge games master found dead". "How cruel it seems that English law should allow the names of those charged with such offences to be released by the police at an early stage — only for the press to spread their salacious stories large across their pages."

"We know, and those 700 people who came to the funeral know, that once something is reported in the press, the damage is done," Gary Drewett says. "That's why everyone is so shocked and shattered.

"People at the funeral kept saying to his mother, 'With Nick, what you saw was what you got.' He left instructions that anyone who wanted to should send a donation to the National Children's Home."

"Teaching is not a popular career choice, is it?" Mrs Calverley says. "Teachers are not well rewarded. Yet we expect everything from them in the bringing up of children. And we expect them to be the kind of people who care, who are warm and kind and loving, open and outgoing. Nick was all those things."

Mrs Calverley believes it should be possible to investigate any accusations privately, so that teachers are not publicly declared guilty until proven so. "A picture should be built up of the individual, to answer the case being made. The more aware teachers are of how vulnerable they are, the less likely they are to take on extra activities as Nick did. He was an ordinary, happy person" (her voice takes on a passionate note) "like loads of teachers throughout the country. You see that television advert with famous people naming their best teachers. Many are like Nick — the unambitious type who don't think about money and possessions too much but put all their energy into doing things for the youngsters."

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers says that since the Children Act, the number of accusations against teachers has risen exponentially.

A fortnight ago the deputy head of a CofE primary school in Leeds was cleared by a jury of indecently assaulting pupils after a nine-month suspension. He had read the accusations against himself in a local paper.

One mother who spoke in his defence said: "Children have over-active imaginations."

Mrs Calverley says: "Teachers must dread that this can happen to them at any time. It's a normal reaction, to put an arm round a shoulder to console a child after losing a game. But any contact with a child can be misconstrued.

"Of course children must be protected. But things have swung too far the other way. A child is at a formative stage, and exposed to sensational drama on television. Certain children may find difficulty in expressing or discerning the difference between truth and untruth.

"Any child can say what they like about anyone, which is unhealthy to say the least — and was ruinous as far as Nick was concerned."

Robo-soap humour dulled by mechanics of the plot

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Alan Ayckbourn's new comedy, like his *Henceforward*, involves a cybernetic future. In the earlier play robots were apt to go awry, ending up putting babies in microwaves and pies in cradles. Here, they have advanced far enough to become "actoids", performers capable of coping with the dopey soaps that fill the nation's telly screens. Feed a computer a story-line, twist the emotion button, and, lo, you have tomorrow's *EastEnders* or *Neighbours*.

It is a funny idea, but, nicely though Ayckbourn writes about shoots in the television studio where he mainly sets the play, it cannot sustain an evening. So he has invented a plot that sometimes had me quaking with laughter but sometimes reawakened worries his recent *Things We Do for Love* seemed to have answered. Our leading specialist in dark comedy and glum fun has once again, I fear, succumbed to sentimentality.

The main characters are two. Janie Dee's cute Jacie stands robotically smiling in nurse's uniform while a badly programmed doctor tells the patient in some neo-*Casualty* that he must amputate his foot at the "uncle". And into the studio comes Nicholas Haverson's Adam, an appealingly naïve writer, hoping to persuade the powers-that-be to let him restore that forgotten form, comedy, to the airwaves. Since those powers include a crusty director with his heart in the good old 20th century, a centenarian tycoon who uses the youth pushing his wheelchair as a voice, and a female executive who (one of several digs at political correctness) sexually harasses men in ways men would never dare harass women, the dramatic signs are promising.

But Ayckbourn's ruminations on comedy turn out to be cursory and poorly integrated into the plot. Moreover, Adam's attraction to and abduction of Jacie produces mixed results. There are hilarious episodes, notably when he dives beneath the table of a grand restaurant to relieve his robot lover of the excessive drink that is noisily gurgling round her innards. But as Jacie developed painful new emotions, and acquired her very own identity crisis, I decreasingly felt that a philosophic Ayckbourn was speculating about the future of artificial intelligence and increasingly wondered if he was appealing to soft hearts in the audience.

Still, *Comic Potential* launches a season of ten comedies, performed by a company of ten, at the Stephen Joseph. Maybe the moment at which Jacie fells a pimp, yelling like the lesbian cop she played in yet another soap, is more an omen than her supposedly touching wails of "there's no real me". Let's hope so.

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Conspiring to miss the palace plot

Tim Hames says we've all been focusing on the wrong cover-up

This has been a splendid week for conspiracy theorists. On Wednesday evening the full-blown "Diana was murdered" spectacle was offered to millions of ITV viewers. On Thursday night, Channel 4 responded with a rational rebuke of all these sensational scenarios.

The French authorities stoked matters further yesterday through a melodramatic "confrontation" during which the testimony of several witnesses was explored. This speculation has been unanimously condemned but equally universally debated.

Buckingham Palace has, of course, taken every opportunity to denounce this emerging industry. Its officials have pointed out, with some legitimacy, that the obsession can only hurt the two young Princes and the idea of an "Establishment plot" to murder their mother is deeply offensive. There is, though, more than an element of hypocrisy in these pronouncements. The conspiracy theorists are on to something — but not the subject on which they have chosen to concentrate. Diana, Princess of Wales, could not have been murdered on the weekend in question. She died because of a fatal combination of alcohol and speed. Her reforming legacy, which emerged so powerfully in the week after her death, has, however, been minimised and trivialised ever since.

The most promising legacy of Diana was reform

The infatuation with the precise circumstances of Diana's death perfectly suits the traditionalists who still dominate the royal circle. It distracts attention from their abject and deliberate failure to fulfil the Queen's televised pledge to "learn the lessons of Diana's life and death". An unintended alliance of convenience exists between the Al Fayeds and the House of Windsor. It allows the former to avoid responsibility for Diana's death and the latter to evade the consequences of her life. While the focus remains on mysterious white Fiats it falls away from the message implicit in the millions of flowers laid in the days that followed her death — the chronic need to modernise the monarchy. This has been the real conspiracy, and an exceptionally effective one, of the past nine months.

In this week of television documentaries, two seemingly smaller events have revealed far more about the post-Diana Royal Family. On Monday, it was announced that Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's Private Secretary for the past eight years, will soon retire. Although the brother-in-law of the Princess of Wales, he was the figure who fought hardest to limit the scale and scope of her funeral. He was opposed by the Prince of Wales but only overruled as a result of the intervention of Tony Blair. His departure should have offered a vast opportunity for fresh thinking. Instead, he will be replaced by Sir Robin Janvrin, his deputy and an intimate of the Palace for a decade. It is sadly typical of the monarchy's reluctance to search for alternative advice. The Windsors seem to share the features of the town after which they were named: somewhat closer to Eton than Slough.

The other half of the strategy was reaffirmed on Monday evening. As part of a series of such events, a set of 900 "young achievers" were invited to a Buckingham Palace reception. One of these, Denise Van Outen of the *Big Breakfast*, rather upstaged matters by "borrowing" a royal ashtray among other items. The royal Establishment's idea of modernisation over the past year has been to seek a more populist media profile. This is the fusion of reinforced protocol with the black arts of public relations.

The Queen has made an admirable attempt to become more accessible to her subjects. She has done that well. But change not celebrity was the real message of Diana's life and death. Left to itself, Buckingham Palace will continue to entrench past practice but sharpen its image. The Prince of Wales has, apparently, pressed for a more radical approach only to be rebuffed on most occasions. He has not been helped by the presence of several reactionaries in his own camp. Unable to affect true change, he has been persuaded that public relations represents his salvation.

It is hardly surprising that the Queen and her son should be engaged in such a struggle over the soul of the monarchy. History, as well as the particular personalities concerned, strongly suggests that a monarch 46 years into her reign is an unlikely agent of modernisation. If the survival of a constitutional monarchy requires radical surgery, the current strategy will serve republican interests.

The irony of the Princess's death is that it made her former husband's swift succession more, not less, desirable — provided that he is willing to push through change. After a public life based on a powerful sense of duty, the Queen might be persuaded to reconsider the wider interests of the monarchy. She might then conclude, correctly, that she should announce in the Christmas Day broadcast this year that she will abdicate at one minute past midnight on January 1, 2000.

But the efforts of the conspiracy theorists will almost certainly spare her from that crucial decision.

Alan Hamilton on Sir Robin Janvrin, "The New Power Behind the Throne", Weekend



Don't shoot the diarist

History rolls hot off the press in a diary. From Samuel Pepys to Anthony Powell, it seizes our island story by the vitals

Simon Jenkins

I confess I dropped my guard. The room was warm and the company jovial. Talk buzzed here and there, and then settled for a while on the topic of money. For instance, asked a beguiling American, how much did I get for writing this column?

As affably as possible, I declined to answer. I hold that nothing, not even war and sex, causes as much human anguish as people knowing what other people earn. I murmured that I was not paid by the taxpayer, nor was my income liable to Companies Act disclosure. It was private. I was chided for mild pomposity. Come on, said two or three within earshot, tell us. I muttered some waffle about writers being like lawyers, paid "not for the words but the background". But the Inquisition's blood was up. So I caved in — and regretted it. Fool, I thought afterwards, but they were friends and confidential.

Last week I much enjoyed Garry Runciman's diary, published in the *London Review of Books*. He was clearly auditioning as piss-taker-in-chief to the Court of King Blair. He wrote of Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, calling the Prime Minister "young Blair" to his face. We read of Gordon Brown claiming to have Runciman's *Relative Deprivation and Social Justice* still fresh on his mind. Here were Mr Brown's giggling acolytes counting the number of "moderns" in his speech. Harriet Harman was "one's babysitter" and Lord Wakeham "as cynical as he is agreeable". Even Runciman's academic colleagues did not escape. Tony Giddens, director of the LSE, serves Mr Blair as kitchen intellectual with "recycled platitudes and woolly prescriptions". Runciman wonders if a Blairite ideologue is not a contradiction in terms.

This was all great stuff. Runciman, I thought, had the makings of a Pepys of Cool Britannia, a Chips Channon of the Demos set, an Alan Clark of "glitzpolitics". But as I read, my eye strayed to the dates on these entries: December 1997, January 1998, April 1998. This was yesterday. This was not so much a diary, more an overnight gossip column. Then I turned white. Where was it that I had committed that earlier indiscretion? It was *chez* Runciman. As I read on, the diary entries now fell like a stick of bombs over an escaping refugee. Would they fall either side of my dinner date, or was my number up? I escaped, but had lived dangerously.

Journalists take much stick for invading privacy. We are laden with ethics, codes and protocols designed to protect people from disclosures unwarranted by public interest. These codes are not always effective, some hardly at all. But those who write for magazines or books are subject to no such constraints, perhaps because they usually do so well after the event. The gap is shortening. Alan Clark's *Diaries* offended many for intruding on the privacy of colleagues and women, not just living but still active in their careers. Andrew Morton's books on the late Princess of Wales and Sarah Bradford's on the Queen breached the Press Complaints Commission code, as does virtually every "intimate biography". But the code does not apply to publishing, which need respect only the laws of libel.

The current fad for getting big names to write "the diary of my week" — usually to plug a book or a show — always renders them vulnerable to self-ridicule. It is the best argument I know for the journalists' closed shop. Very few lives can stand this much self-regard. But that is their fault. What of the bit-part players in this exhibitionism, the innocent third parties? I once wondered at the plight of Hugh Carless, butt of Eric Newby's satire as his companion on *A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush*. How could Carless ever show his face in public? (The answer is, he went abroad as a diplomat.) In the Irvine-Blair incident recounted by Runciman, we are told that he carefully sought clearance for publication from the actual witness, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. His lordship obliged. But Lord Jenkins was merely risking his reputation for discretion. No right of censorship was offered to Irvine and Blair, the victims of the disclosure. Third parties are at the mercy of the first and second party's eager revelations.

Perhaps the answer is a modern diarist's code. At any function, public or private, those keeping diaries should wear a purple ribbon. Whoever would like to be quoted can gather round; others can steer clear. With the canapés will be slips for those wishing to leave soundbites. Hostesses will take out insurance cover, since admitting a serial diarist to dinner might be negligence contributory to slander. On collecting their coats, guests should be given right-of-reply forms. If history is to be this hot from the press, we should all know where we stand, sit or lie.

Yet don't shoot the diarist. His work is indeed history hot from the press. Diaries illustrate Rochefoucauld's maxim that great events are rarely the design of politics, "usually the product of temperaments and passions". They illustrate the waywardness and wilfulness of public life, its favouritism and cant. And they do it more powerfully. Restoration London is that of Pepys, not Macaulay. Georgian London is that of Boswell, not Trevelyan or Dorothy George. Increasingly we see the interwar years through the eyes of Nicolson and Channon, not Taylor and Mowat, as we see the postwar era in the diaries of Waugh, Lees-Milne and Anthony Powell. The picture of politics in the Sixties is painted by Crossman, in the Seventies by Tony Benn and Barbara Castle, obsessive diarists all. Who knows, but the Eighties may one day be the "Clark years" as much as those of Baroness Thatcher?

The essence of a good diarist is to be proximate to power and mildly dazzled by it. He must be a social climber, an egotist, yet self-aware, even slightly absurd. He must be Eliot's "attendant lord, one that will do / To swell a progress, start a scene or two." He wails with Prufrock, "I do not think that they will sing to me," which is why he keeps a diary. He must aspire to that master of the genre, Mr Pooter: "I left the room with silent dignity, but caught my foot in the mat." A diary without an author's pratfalls is mere namedropping.

Pepys is never more human than in his domestic catastrophes — "my wife, poor wretch, is troubled" — and in the slights he suffered at court. Boswell is best when sycophantic or syphilitic. The quality of Clark's diary lies not in stories told from the wings of politics, but in its portrait of a modern man gloomily obsessed with the woes of his profession, home and love-life. Truly great diaries are about humans not events. They are a head spurting blood from a lifetime of brick-wall bashing.

These diarists have our island story by the vitals. We no longer account for our lives through letters. Nobody stores e-mails. Memoirs are written by researchers from newspaper cuttings. Interviews after the event are deceptive. The diarist is the only witness at the scene of the crime, or rather the only one with the wit to put it his way, first and fresh. We await a biography with interest, a diary with excitement. Hence the frisson that Mr Clark can induce on entering a room. He is an impresario auditioning others for a part in history.

At present he has few rivals but others are on the horizon. Of the Tories, Douglas Hurd's "secret" diary is allegedly not for publication. Lord St John of Fawsley should offer some challenge to Clark. The diaries of Lady Antonia Fraser and Paul Johnson are rumoured to emulate Chips Channon and Evelyn Waugh. As for new Labour, we must await the Blairites already slinking back each night to their attics to bank their pensions in stitched-back notebooks. (Cowards use ring-folds.) The most effective opposition to any government comes from within the family, ejected by some internecine strife to rant in the public prints. If the Clinton Administration is any guide, the first batch of resignations will mark the start of an orgy of autobiographical back-stabbing.

Runciman has drawn first blood. All praise to him and his fellow spies. But mind what you say. No dining room, bedroom, loo, lobby or grouse moor is safe from these borrowers. They are everywhere. Do *I* keep a diary? Now that would be telling.

Is sex an affair of state?

Robert Bennett, Clinton's lawyer, defends privacy

Politicians in America and Britain have found that reporters are more interested in private scandal than serious news. As a lawyer who has represented many public figures — including President Clinton in the Paula Jones case — I have seen the personal damage caused by our obsession with scandal. Public figures see the most intimate aspects of their life made a spectacle for sport.

Some say that anyone who goes into politics "chooses" to forfeit any claim to a private life. This ignores the rights of family members and innocent bystanders who are inevitably dragged in. It also fails to recognise that by harming political institutions, scandal-mongering ultimately hurts us all.

Consider how our fascination with scandal affects the calibre of those who enter public life. Able people will not want to participate in a system that seems designed to humiliate and degrade them. Many American commentators believe that when the next presidential election is held in 2000, both major parties will be afraid to nominate a candidate who has committed adultery. Imagine how different history would be if politicians had always been held to such standards. Franklin Roosevelt — who is known to have had an extramarital affair — might never have been President. Nor John F. Kennedy. Nor Lyndon Johnson. And why stop there? Ronald Reagan was divorced; and Andrew Jackson was accused of bigamy.

Nor would British history be unaffected. A. J. P. Taylor said that he could identify only five 19th-century Prime Ministers who were not adulterers. In 1983, when Cecil Parkinson resigned in a sex scandal, the tabloids speculated on whether the Tories had a "ten-year sex scandal cycle" because several of their leaders had been forced to resign, not because of failings in their public performance, but because of stories about their sex lives. Should the world have been deprived of these leaders because of their private conduct?

Obsessed with scandal, we ignore important issues in favour of sex and gossip. The controversy involving the White House trainee, Monica Lewinsky, became news while the Pope was making an unprecedented visit to Cuba. Every major American news organisation focused on the Lewinsky story, virtually ignoring the papal trip. An important event was disregarded for the sake of something that will be almost forgotten in a few years. Such an attitude represents neither good journalism nor good citizenship. We should not trade the solemn duties of citizens for the cheap thrills of voyeurs.

Moreover, we cannot justify an obsession with unimportant private matters on the basis that anything less would constitute "censorship". I advocate no legal interference with the press; but I do ask the press to restrain itself. Its freedom does not exist for the amusement or job security of journalists, but to ensure that the people have access to the information they need to fulfil their role as citizens. No public figure should be destroyed or humiliated for a reporter's profit or the public's entertainment. As Chekhov once wrote: "All saints have a past and all sinners have a future." When we ignore this wisdom to feast on scandal, we don't just hurt politicians; we hurt ourselves.

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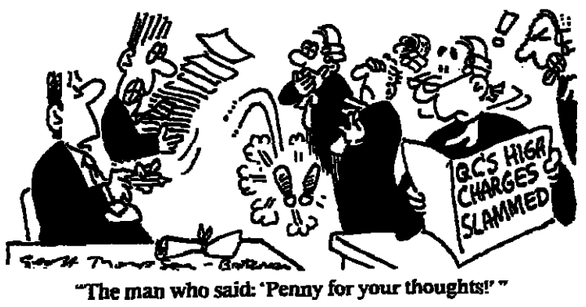
Sticky wicket

MIKE BREARLEY, the masterful former England cricket captain, is locked in a nasty little row with Eton College. The fabulously wealthy school wants to demolish an historic Victorian cottage and coach house next to Brearley's house in Belsize Park, North London. It has applied to Camden council for permission to knock down the residence, situated on land given to the college by Henry VI in 1449. Brearley (pictured far right), who now practises as a psychoanalyst, is disturbed by Eton's desire to replace the building with luxury houses, valued at £2 million, and a car park. "It is appalling that Eton is determined to put up ugly and intrusive pseudo-Georgian houses," says Brearley, who blames Eton for the cottage's poor condition. "It just wants to make as much money as it can with little regard for the ordinary people who live here." They include Helena Kennedy, QC, and Bob Hoskins (left). Brearley wants them to join an action committee to fight the plan.

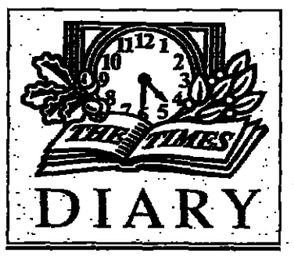




Adrian Harris, estates manager at Eton, admits evicting the previous tenant for failing to pay rent: "This is a more profitable use of the land. Brearley has a right to object but there are a lot of local developers who are pestering me to get their hands on it."



"The man who said: 'Penny for your thoughts!' "



JASPER GERARD

● *TRYING hard with the girls has long been a Teddy Sheringham trait. The other day he pulled up beside a motorbike, straddled by a sexy, leather-clad blonde. The window of the Manchester United player's Mercedes was lowered. "Nice bike," smirked Sheringham. "Crap team," replied the babe, before powering into the distance.*

Cheeky chap

SUCH japes. Damien Hirst, the pungent exponent of putrid art, has been introducing some of his metropolitan "cool" to Devon. Hirst took over a village snooker club near Ilfracombe with his chums Keith Allen, the actor, and Alex James, a musician with the pop group Blur (they sing together on *Vindaloo*, a World Cup song). Alas, to the surprise of locals, James performed his party piece: stripping off and clasping a lighted cigarette between his buttocks.

● *PANSIES are to invade the Commons to lobby for gay rights. Before I am accused of homophobia, the pansies are the flowers to be handed out by Sir Ian McKellen and Stephen Twigg, MP. The pansies, apparently, signify young love. John Prescott will be thrilled.*

Cash crisis

A PARTY to reward Labour's celebrity supporters has caused a rift between Matthew Freud, fashionable public relations fixer, and Labour HQ. Freud organised a bash at Brighton's Metropole Hotel, featuring a vocal performance from Lenny Henry, while Chris Eubank, Mariella Frostrup (below) and Sinead Cusack danced with Peter Mandelson, who enjoyed himself so much he refused to go home. Freud Communications, generously one might think, stumped up £27,000 for the honour. But this was not enough for Labour, who forwarded a further bill for £13,150 to cover "equipment hired". Freud was furious. "Matthew felt he had already paid the vast majority of the bill and told his staff to ignore the invoice," says an observer. "There were persistent requests from Millbank for the money." Freud confirms "there was a discussion about the amount that was going to be paid," but says he has now "paid in full". I just hope this trifling matter has not soured relations with Tony Blair.



● *TO CELEBRATE their divorce, the Duke and Duchess of York are to play happy families at Balmoral. Two years after their marriage was annulled, they are spending the weekend with Beatrice and Eugenie, their two daughters, at Craigowan, a pad on the estate. I hope the Queen is not in.*

Regal riders

CROWN Prince Willem-Alexander, the heir to the Dutch throne, and his two brothers recently clopped into the Yine, a £20 a night B&B in Gloucestershire, which doubles as a horse-riding centre. The princes, who were accompanied by three friends and two bodyguards, spent most of the weekend in the saddle exploring the Cotswolds. When they left, the group tipped the stable girls magnificently. Sadly Lui Carenza and Jill Gabb, the B&B's owners, did a little less well: they received a pair of signed Dutch clogs.



HENRY and Lili Dent-Brocklehurst are to offer yoga weekends to paying guests at their weekend cottage, Sudeley Castle. The newly-weds (worth: £50 million) hope to recreate in rural England the New Age vibes they enjoyed as young swingers in California at the White Lotus Healing Centre. Henry, once a solvents aficionado, believes the eastern exercise helped him to kick exotic substances. "Until then I thought yoga was for pregnant women and weirdos," says Henry. The couple practise in a glass-enclosed meditation gazebo, arching towards each other. "It's the only exercise in which you're always pulling away from gravity," Henry explains. He plans to employ top yoga teachers and vegetarian chefs, bunging guests in the castle's holiday cottages. Among those signing up for weekends are their mates Liz Hurley, Claudia Schiffer, Mick Jagger and Yasmin LeBon. "You start to feel that anything you put into your body that's not making it healthier is a contradiction," Lili, a former Hawaiian model, tells *Harpers & Queen*. "It just clicks, and you feel your mind and body working together. We won't be taking down the Van Dycks and replacing them with pictures of *Swamis*."

POLITICS AS UNUSUAL

Coma, consensus and Conservative cares will not last

Like those three-week bursts of glorious summer weather when each day dawns as cloudless as the last, Tony Blair's popularity ratings continue to defy any normal pattern. The latest Gallup poll gives him a widened 49-point lead over William Hague, and his party a 29-point lead over the Tories. People approve of his Government's record by a margin of 61 to 29 per cent; only in March, the figures were 47 to 41 per cent. When will the sunny spell eventually break, bringing back the usual clouds, wind and rain? Might the British political climate, newly seeded with consensus, proportional representation and referendums, have changed for good?

There is no shortage of pundits diagnosing the death of politics. The Conservatives are doomed, they say, with no distinctive ideology around which they can unify. Labour has stolen all the best Tory policies, giving the Opposition no ammunition with which to fight. The Prime Minister's "inclusive" style neutralises potential enemies before they can do damage. And the public shows no appetite for aggressive criticism of the Government.

This is understandably demoralising for the Tories. Their attacks on ministers' actions have all the force of a rubber bullet against a tank. Even when the Government is in the wrong, the voters, still basking in the novelty of having the country run by an administration of which they broadly approve, seem not to want to know. Tory criticism either jars or sounds feeble against policies, such as tight public finance and opted-out schools, that could have been — and were — undertaken by Conservative ministers. What is an Opposition spokesman to say or to do?

The answer is to have patience. Politics are not dead, just comatose. The patient in a coma is likely one day to wake up. It may be frustrating to sit by the bedside for day after day waiting for a reaction. But eventually, persistence will pay off. Voters may appear to be taking no notice of the Tories now. Given time, they will.

First, however, voters have to lose patience with the Government. That will happen when the economy slows down. Mr Blair is protected, like President Clinton in America, by a remarkably buoyant mix of low unemployment and relatively high economic growth. This insulation will not last forever; the Prime Minister may sometimes seem omnipotent but even he cannot abolish the business cycle.

Once that protection has evaporated, all the little clouds that have formed and vanished over the past year may start to reappear and coalesce. Voters may not have minded much at the time about arms-to-Africa, or Geoffrey Robinson's tax affairs, or Bernie Ecclestone's largesse but, once the Government starts to fall from favour, these misdemeanours can be cited by the Opposition as part of a disturbing pattern which the public will detect too.

There are other potential political pressures. Scotland provides a foretaste: the formerly saintly Donald Dewar has become so unpopular that he has had to resort to shutting down the Dounreay nuclear reactor, while an ICM poll yesterday showed 52 per cent support for Scottish independence. Meanwhile, MPs at Westminster are showing restiveness with Mr Blair's obsession with command and control.

The Prime Minister's power within his party has always rested on his popularity in the country. His MPs and activists admire him but do not wholly trust him. If and when his poll ratings slip, he may find that party discipline crumbles too, while at the same time the public-sector unions sense weakness and take industrial action. None of this necessarily spells disaster for Mr Blair. But we shall again see, at some point, a return to politics as usual.

DEVILS AND DETAILS

Decommissioning remains central to Ulster's future

Tony Blair may have felt the hand of history in the tense days before the Good Friday agreement was concluded. He will need to provide the fingerprints of firmness if that settlement is to endure. The Prime Minister secured 71 per cent support from the Ulster electorate through a set of personal promises issued late in the referendum campaign. Without his intervention, a majority of Unionists might well have rejected the agreement. That opposition, had it materialised, would have condemned the accord to a slow but certain death.

The crucial pledges both involved decommissioning. The Prime Minister indicated that Sinn Fein and those like them could not be part of the administration of Ulster if the IRA and other terrorists maintained an absolute refusal to surrender arms. He said firmly that terrorists would be released early from imprisonment only if those organisations divested themselves of their terrorist arsenals. The first of these resolutions was of enormous political importance. The second had an additional and equally essential emotional hold. They remain the central issues for Ulster.

The legislation outlined by Mo Mowlam, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is consistent with Mr Blair's commitments. It permits an early release only if four conditions are satisfied. These are that a former terrorist militia must be committed to exclusively peaceful means; have ceased all forms of violent activity; should not be conducting such atrocities through other organisations and must be "co-operating fully" with a decommissioning commission. On the basis of this Bill, there is no evidence to substantiate the charge that the Prime Minister has "ratted" on his assurances to the citizens of Northern Ireland.

The formula does, though, defer the most important questions. It remains somewhat uncertain what the phrase "co-operating fully" with a decommissioning commission will actually entail. This situation can only be clarified once the responsibilities of that body have been specified. If those functions are cast in ambiguous terms, then matters will remain murky. The Government has confirmed that it will provide the details before the end of this month. This may mean that the Ulster Assembly elections takes place in the absence of such information. That will allow opponents of the agreement to claim that a betrayal of principle will occur once the ballot boxes have closed.

Ms Mowlam has tackled the prisoner issue with considerable sensitivity. As a result, her potentially controversial legislation was yesterday welcomed, cautiously, on most sides. The linkage it has made with the disarmanent process is suitably explicit. The crunch will come on this, as on the composition of Ulster's ministerial executive, when she has to start showing her hand on decommissioning itself. That moment will coincide with the height of the marching season. It might be better, in that light, if the Prime Minister chose to reaffirm his position well before that point.

He should do so for moral as well as political reasons. A majority in Ulster may be willing to tolerate the release of IRA terrorists if that is the price of a complete peace settlement. They may breathe deeply but swallow the idea of Martin McGuinness in a position of power. This acceptance will be retracted if both murderers and their arsenals are at liberty while Sinn Fein enjoys the spoils of office. The future of Northern Ireland rests heavily on faith and trust: most of this remains invested in Mr Blair.

CONGRATULATIONS, MADAM

The founder of English ballet is 100 years old today



Few artists have inspired a national company that in their own lifetime has become an international institution: even fewer have rooted an exotic art form so firmly in British culture. International telegrams and eulogies today pay tribute to Dame Ninette de Valois's formidable discipline, intelligence and dedication as a dancer, her creativity as a choreographer and her crowning achievement in founding the Royal Ballet.

Her career mirrors the development of British ballet from its beginnings in the wings of opera and in the music-hall to the classical form that is now secure in public appreciation. Born, as Edris Stannus in County Wicklow, she made her first stage appearance in 1913, using the celebrated stage name chosen by her mother. She danced in reviews, shows and operas before founding her own touring group in 1921. The following year she began her association with the great Russian ballet troupes touring Western Europe, performing with the Lopokova-Massine Russian ballet in 1922 and under Diaghilev from 1923-25. She opened her own ballet school in 1926. Her work established ballet as a high art.

Few except de Valois saw then a future for English ballet. She was as single-minded in surmounting bureaucracy as in rehearsing the ballets that she choreographed. The epithet "Madam" by which she has been known for most of her life sums up that mixture of reserve, respect and severity which have terrified, awed and inspired. Her achievements are now the stuff of history. She transferred her company to Covent Garden in 1945, starting a second company at Sadler's Wells and securing a royal charter for the two a decade later.

She gave her protege Frederick Ashton security, dancers and space. She encouraged the classics that others neglected, developed Fonteyn and gave early chances to Cranko, MacMillan and other choreographers. In 1962 a year before her retirement as director, she brought to the Royal Ballet another high-risk new star, Rudolf Nureyev.

Her own ballets, *Checkmate*, *Job* and *The Rake's Progress* still prosper. She saw the need for a national style within the international tradition, and nourished English ballet with Vaughan Williams and Arthur Bliss, who wrote scores for her, Hogarth and Blake, who inspired her, and the invention of a British "modern dance" style that others took up only in the 1960s. She is modest about her unique achievement, though proud of her many proteges — including the independent Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Turkish State Ballet. She dislikes interviews, intrusion into her happy married life or looking back. At 100, 86 years after she played the Dying Swan on piers around England, her vision still takes ballet forward. Not only from the Queen but also from the country does she today deserve a special telegram of congratulation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Grievous error in economic policy'

From Lord Shore of Stepney

Sir, You are right not to criticise the Bank of England and its Monetary Policy Committee for once again raising interest rates (leading article, June 5). They are simply carrying out the task set for them by the Chancellor and now enshrined in legislation, namely, to pursue an inflation target of 2.5 per cent.

Of course a rising bank rate will have consequences — baneful consequences — for economic growth, for investment, for employment and for our seriously overvalued exchange rate of the pound. But the Governor and his Monetary Policy Committee are forbidden to take account of these wider considerations: their task is simply to watch and control the rate of inflation.

Who, then, does deserve criticism? Of course, as your leader points out, employers must resist inflationary pay claims, difficult though this may well be to achieve. But the principal culprit is, without doubt, the Chancellor himself — and the extraordinary inbred group of economic and political advisers that he has brought with him into the heart of government.

His decision to abandon government control and responsibility for interest rate policy was and is a grievous strategic error in economic policy. There was no mention of this in the Labour Party's election manifesto and it certainly was not a decision taken in Cabinet.

To separate control over fiscal policy from control over monetary policy has obvious dangers. But if, in addition, you rule out increases in direct taxation and if you know that increases in indirect taxation will feed through to the retail price index, then you have effectively disarmed yourself from using fiscal policy to control inflation. That then puts the whole burden on the Bank and interest rates.

British business, as the Chancellor frequently proclaims, does need a stable economic environment if it is to undertake the necessary increase in investment that we need both to increase our productivity and to remain competitive in world markets. A major part of that instability is due to high and rising interest rates which discourage both borrowing and investment, and even more to wild fluctuations in and a serious overvaluation of the external value of the pound.

It is time that Mr Brown put an end to this damaging "short-termism" either by changing and widening the terms of reference of the Bank of England or by regaining for himself the necessary measure of control over the economy.

Yours sincerely,
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Wages and inflation

From Mr John Grieve Smith

Sir, The Bank of England's action in raising interest rates and the threat of higher unemployment are not the best way of tackling wage inflation. Instead of generalised appeals for wage restraint, the Government should discuss the whole question of pay and inflation with employers and unions as part of a general strategy for reducing unemployment.

The problem of ensuring that setting a national minimum wage does not have knock-on effects on wages higher up the scale should be on the agenda. So, too, should the question of public sector pay.

Government spokesmen are wrong to suggest that pay increases should be limited to the rate of inflation. In a growing economy it is normal for real wages to increase. With productivity across the economy as a whole increasing by 2 per cent or so a year, pay increases averaging around 4.5 per cent would be compatible with the Government's inflation target of 2.5 per cent. But such a guideline needs to apply equally to the private and public sectors.

Ministers are obviously concerned that becoming involved in pay discussions carries a risk of political embarrassment. But with the threat of a world recession looming, conditions today are very different from the 1970s: and Mrs Thatcher's alternative of relying on three million unemployed to keep wages in check did immense damage to British industry.

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Charity's share

From Professor C. Arme

Sir, I am happy that the Prime Minister is encouraging me to donate my share of my final hour's earnings of the millennium to charity (News in brief, later editions, June 2).

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Drawbacks to choosing Lords by lot

From Dr Peter Jones

Sir, It is good to see that, with their proposals for appointing a House of Lords by lot (letters, June 3), the daringly radical thinkers on Demos have finally caught up with *The Spectator* ("Ancient & modern", August 9, 1997).

They might like to brood on the fact that in ancient Athens the serious experts (those running the military and the exchequer) were not appointed by lot (Athenians were not daft) but elected.

Since the serious experts in today's Government are not MPs — who gaily switch from exchequer to education to health to Home Office almost by the second — but civil servants, perhaps we should extend Athenian principles to the Commons and appoint MPs by lot, civil servants by vote.

Yours etc,
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(Founder,
Friends of Classics),
28 Akenside Terrace,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TN.
June 3.

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, The suggestion by Demos that members of our second House of Parliament should be chosen like a jury from ordinary citizens is naive. We need more knowledgeable legislators than that.

Anthony Barnett (article, "Is Labour too old-fashioned for Athens?", June 3) says these ordinary citizens could check and complement the House of Commons through scrutiny of legislation, ensuring that it is written in clear and comprehensible English. With respect, this is tommy rot and moonshine.

Having spent half a century in the legislative field, I can say that effective scrutiny of Bills requires great skill and experience. So does turning them into plain English.

The Inland Revenue's skilled tax-law rewrite team, set up in 1996, already aims to put our tax law into plain English. In their plans for 1998-99, just published, they admit to finding it heavy going:

Our first full year of rewrite work saw less progress than we had hoped ... As the work progressed it quickly became clear that our original targets were unattainable ... our task is even more complex, difficult and time-consuming than we first thought it would be ... almost every line of the existing legislation throws up awkward questions.

Scarcely a task for ordinary citizens.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS BENNION,
5 Old Nursery View,
Kennington, Oxford OX1 5NT.
June 3.

From Dr Roger Gard

Sir, Those who recommend "the Athenian solution" to Lords reform should remember that the democracy in question was deplored by the greatest minds of the time, most notably by Plato and Thucydides.

It seems to vanish from their view that Athenian democracy was based in slavery and the denial of rights to women, waged disastrous war, killed Socrates, and was the prelude to the takeover of the city by Macedon and then Rome. Only the cultural prestige generated by the above-mentioned thinkers and others can account for anyone recalling the period at all.

The search for a solution to this question might surely be more fruitfully conducted by looking at the virtues, as opposed to the oft-stressed vices, of our evolved older system — such as the traditions of honour and disinterestedness, the ethic of public service and of political careers divorced from personal ambition, the variety of good sense and talents assembled neither by election, patronage, or pure chance.

Try to recreate these by all means: but why look back longingly to the first great age of demagoguery?

Yours faithfully,
ROGER GARD,
Maiden Newton House,
Dorchester, Dorset DT2 0AA.
June 3.

From Mr A. R. Hawkes

Sir, I fully support Demos's suggestion that members of Parliament's second chamber should be selected by random method.

The simplest and cheapest lottery is that of accident of birth, and we have that already in the Lords.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. HAWKES,
Birchwood, Sutherland Road,
Longsdon, Stoke-on-Trent ST9 9QD.
June 3.

Hatred and holy truth

From the Bishop of Barking

Sir, Having recently returned from a visit to Bosnia, I would totally agree with William Rees-Mogg that "our great, ancient religions can be catalysts of destruction when corrupted to serve political ends" ("Holy truth hijacked in name of hate", June 1).

A young Croatian girl in Sarajevo said to me, with tears in her eyes: "Religious conflict has been imported for political reasons into Bosnia. Religion has been used by skilful politicians to create fear and extend political power bases."

This view was confirmed by a Bosnian attorney, who commented: "Each of the major religious communities has become, to a greater or lesser extent, captured by political forces."

Your editorial of June 1, "The Kosovan cauldron", refers to "the mistakes of Bosnia". One fundamental mistake made in Bosnia was a failure to recognise the civil power of religion when captured by the "crude populist nationalism" to which you also refer.

It is vital for the future of faith communities, and of Europe and the world, that religious leaders as well as Nato leaders learn from these mistakes.

Yours sincerely,
†ROGER BARKING
(Patron, *Bosnia Support Fund*),
Barking Lodge,
110 Capel Road, Forest Gate, E7 0JS.
June 1.

Consumer 'cathedrals'

From Mrs Rosemary Smith

Sir, Cardinal Basil Hume has voiced his concern at the direction society is taking ("Obsession with sex and shopping condemned", report, May 29). He likens shopping centres to "new cathedrals in the cult of the consumer", with their "extraordinary architecture, massive domes and steeples, and inside halls and shops like naves and side-chapels".

On a recent visit to the Philippines I noted with interest the coming together of the Church and consumerism. I attended Mass and received Communion on Sunday in Manila, in the centre of a large, modern shopping mall.

Around a simple altar, hundreds of shoppers of all ages, families in particular, congregated to hear Mass, against the backdrop of a central elevator endlessly moving up and down, carrying onlookers on the fringe of the proceedings. There were no walls — people came and went quietly, with reverence, in a totally open, mobile situation.

People will always have the need to congregate, whether in a church or a shopping centre. Perhaps this could be the direction society is taking — a compromise — and is that necessarily bad?

Yours sincerely,
ROSEMARY C. SMITH,
51 Werneth Road,
Woodley, Stockport SK6 1HP.
May 30.

Racism in the forces

From Mr Denis Christian

Sir, The fact that General Colin Powell is to visit this country to assist defence ministers to find ways of curbing racist attitudes in the Armed Forces (report, May 25, earlier editions) gives cause for shame rather than satisfaction.

The issue here is not so much about "the Government's determination to learn" from other organisations or setting targets for increasing the annual intake of recruits from ethnic minorities, as about decent behaviour — on which the Services used to pride themselves.

If, as seems unarguable, there have been cases of bullying and abuse from the ignorant and perverse, which others have condoned and indulged from twisted ideas of "tradition", one might ask questions of padres and chaplains rather than of General Powell.

Were they to unfurl the colours, display the battle honours of the last war, and detail to their charges the true nature of Nazism, the ignorant, perverse and twisted would soon be isolated, if not shamed, as we are shamed.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS CHRISTIAN,
The Town House,
2 Chichester Place,
Kemp Town, Brighton
East Sussex BN2 1FE.
May 26.

Redundant sheepcote

From Mr Nard B. Camber

Sir, I have recently gained permission to convert an old brick-and-tile sheepcote, built circa 1830, after two years of procrastination by Shrewsbury and Atcham Council ("A 'proper' use for redundant barns", letters, June 3). It was only after implementing an appeal to the High Court (at a cost to me of £8,000) that they conceded that there were no grounds for refusal.

Previously the council had required a garage to be built as a condition of planning — the government inspector refused planning permission as this would be "detrimental to visual amenities". A washing line was "domestic paraphernalia", a garden was "out of keeping with the farmland", and windows "might reflect the sun" (are there windows that don't?).

Clearly some people would rather see dereliction and decay than allow a barn to be preserved, and incidentally provide human habitation. In view of the desperate shortage of housing, why are they permitted to be so obstructive and illogical?

Yours sincerely,
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Harley, Shrewsbury SY5 6LN.

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Satellite risk to use of pagers

From Mr Jonathan Bentley

Sir, I was interested to read the report by Nicholas Booth, headed "Flaws exposed in US systems" (Interface, May 27), highlighting the problems caused to pager users in the US because of a satellite failure.

According to reports in the US press, last month's failure (report, May 21, later editions) left over 90 per cent of the country's 44 million pager users without any service for up to 20 hours. This must have had a devastating impact, particularly on people working in the medical and emergency professions.

The good news is that a similar situation is highly unlikely ever to affect users of BT's paging network in the UK. Our ability to connect pager systems to the public telephone system means that, even if the standard satellite link failed, none of our customers would ever experience a break in their pager service.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN BENTLEY
(General Manager, Paging),
BT Mobile,
Arlington Business Centre,
Millshaw Park Lane,
Leeds LS11 0NE.
June 2.

Ladies first

From Lieutenant-Colonel B. J. N. Coombes

Sir, Congratulations to Lieutenant *Kate Babbington* on winning the Queen's Sword at the RN College Dartmouth (report and photograph, June 2).

She follows closely on the heels of another young woman, Under Officer Fiona Stewart, who won the same coveted prize at the RMA Sandhurst in April (report and photograph, April 14).

I now wait with eager anticipation to see what RAF Cranwell will do.

Yours faithfully,
B. J. N. COOMBES,
8 Albany Road,
Fleet,
Hampshire GU13 9PJ.
June 3.

Dame Louisa's statue

From Dr Daphne Louisa Watkins

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Monumental mistake", May 30) asks why there is a statue in Tavistock Square of my great-aunt, Dame Louisa Aldrich-Blake, whom he describes as "skilled in boxing and cricket".

In the interests of balance, might I mention that Dame Louisa was also the first woman to qualify, in 1895, as a Master of Surgery. Despite the prejudice of her time against women in medicine, she went on to have a distinguished career.

I won't try to weigh Dame Louisa's medical achievements against being skilled in boxing and cricket, but I think they should be noted.

Yours faithfully,
DAPHNE WATKINS,
Ty Newydd,
Velindre, Crymych,
Pembrokeshire SA41 3XF.
May 31.

Team spirit

From Mr John Eddowes

Sir, In your leading article, "Overdue red card" (June 2), you say the English invented games not merely as recreation, but also to inculcate discipline and team spirit. It seems, however, that ball games first arose in Franco-Flanders in the late 12th century and came over the Channel with Flemish immigrants invited for their expertise in weaving.

The first rules probably emerged much later because of local differences and heavy betting rather than desire for self-improvement. Whatever the case, the agreement made in 1727 in relation to cricket says: "If any of the gamesters shall speak or give their opinion on any point of the Game, they are to be turned out."

Yours sincerely,
JOHN EDDOWES
(Author, *The Language of Cricket*,
Carcanet, 1997),
35 Anhalt Road, SW11 4NZ.
June 2.

The crying game

From Mr Tom Detre

Sir, Is there any connection between Glenn Hoddle's decision to drop Paul Gascoigne from the England team (letters, June 4) and Tony Blair's pledge to sing a duet with Des O'Connor should England win the World Cup (report, same day)?

Yours sincerely,
TOM DETRE,
St Aidan's House,
Ampleforth College, York YO62 4ER.
June 4.

From Mr S. C. Masters

Sir, My World Cup souvenir Gazza figurine is weeping real tears; is this a miracle?

Yours,
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June 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 4: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, this afternoon visited the Lifeboat Stations at Youghal and Ballycotton, County Cork, the Republic of Ireland.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 5: The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, this afternoon presented Colours to the 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, at Windsor Castle.

His Royal Highness, Trustee of the Council, this evening attended the 1998 St George's House Lecture at Windsor Castle.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 5: The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Musical Picnic in Cathedral Close, Hereford, in aid of the Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire (Sir Thomas Dunne).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 5: The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning visited the Blairgowrie Group at Woodlands Stables, Woodlands Road, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir David Montgomery, Bt).

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited Dollar Academy, attended the Annual Parade and Inspection and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire (Lieutenant Colonel Robert Stewart).

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Scotland, this afternoon attended the Twenty Fifth Anniversary celebrations of the Musselburgh and District Bureau at Brunton Hall, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh, and was received by her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of East Lothian (Major Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, President, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the Save the Children Fund Dinner at Bute House, followed by a Ball in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 5: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, today visited Lifeboat Stations at Courtmacsherry and Baltimore, County Cork; Valentia Island, County Kerry; and Castletownbere, County Cork, the Republic of Ireland.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

June 5: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the St George's House Annual Lecture in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Memorial service

Air Vice-Marshal John K. Rotherham

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Vice-Marshal John Kevitt Rotherham was held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Bosham, West Sussex. The Rev Thomas Inman officiated, assisted by the Rev David Marsden-Jones. Mr J.D.C. Mayhew, son-in-law, read the lesson, and Mrs Joanna Bowman, niece, read *High Flight* by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee.

Mr J. Penrose and Mr C. Rainbow gave addresses. Members of the family and friends were among those present.

William Walls

There will be a Memorial Service for William Walls at 11.45am on Saturday, June 27, in the Chapel of Trent College. All family, friends and former pupils are welcome to attend. It would be helpful if those planning to be present could notify the school in advance (tel: 0115 973 2737).

Colin Cherry Memorial Lecture

The eleventh Colin Cherry Memorial Lecture on *Communication* was delivered at Imperial College on Tuesday, June 2, by Dr Seymour Papert, Lego Professor of Learning Research, Media Lab, MIT, with the title "Child Power: Key to the New Learning of the Digital Century". The Lecture was sponsored by SBC Warburg Dillon Read. Professor Bruce Sayers, FEng, was in the chair and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Professor Patrick Purcell.

Appointments

Sir Sigmund **Sternberg** has been elected President of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain. He succeeds the late Rabbi Hugo Gryn.

The Air League

Sir Michael **Knight** has been elected president of The Air League and Mr Michael **Marshal** has been elected chairman.

Service luncheon

Skinner's Horse

Lieutenant-General Sir Roderick Cordy-Simpson was the guest of honour at a luncheon of retired officers of Skinner's Horse (1st Duke of York's Own Cavalry) held yesterday at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Gray presided.

Service dinners

Royal College of Defence Studies

Lieutenant-General S.C. Grant, Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies, was the host at a ladies' dinner night held last night in Greenwich. Rear-Admiral Louis Armstrong and Commander Jonathan Maughan were the principal guests. Major-General Peter Chambers presided. Wing Commander Peter Dixon also spoke.

RAVC Officers' Club

General Sir Alexander Harley, Adjutant General, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps Officers' Club held last night at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Brigadier Andrew Roache, Director of the Veterinary and Remount Service, presided.

Legal appointments

Dr Harcourt Martin Grant **Concannon** has been appointed full-time president of the Pensions Appeal Tribunals from August 10. He succeeds Mr Richard **Holt**.

Mr Robin Alexander **Barratt**, QC, has been appointed a Circuit Judge on the South Eastern Circuit.

Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy

The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants of Buckinghamshire:

Mr Martin Hubert Thomas **Joordan**, Mrs Jennifer Ann **Moss**, Mr Michael Joseph **Murray**, Lieutenant-Colonel Gregory Stephen **Smith** and Mr David John Hoalkes **Winks**.

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

The following have been installed officers for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Simon **Orillic**, Wardens, the Hon Michael **Richards**, Mr Ian **Panto**, Mr Alec **Murray** and Mr Michael **Walter**.

RICHARD LEA-HAIR



Gail Forrester and Stuart Gale, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, who announced their engagement recently

Weekend birthdays

The King of the Belgians celebrates his 64th birthday today.

TODAY: Sir Derek Alun-Jones, company director, 65; Mrs Sara Banerji, writer, 66; Professor B. Bleaney, FRS, physicist, 83; Mr David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, 51; Mr Bjorn Borg, tennis player, 42; Lord Carrington, KG, CH, 79; Mr David Chipp, former Editor-in-Chief, Press Association, 71; Dame Ninette de Valois, OM, CH, founder, Royal Ballet, 100; Mr Paul Esswood, counter-tenor, 56; Mr Mike Gatting, cricketer, 41; Lord Gladwin of Clee, 68; Mr Iain Hamilton, composer, 76; Professor R.A. Humphreys, Latin American historian, 91; Mr J. Kay-Mouat, former President of the States of Alderney, 65; Mr Willie-John McBride, former rugby player, 58; Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, former MP, 67; the Marquess of Milford Haven, 37; Sir Douglas Morpeth, chartered accountant, 74; Sir Bryan Nicholson, former chairman, Post Office, 66; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 79; Dr M. Richardson, Principal, Graduate Society, Durham University, 58; Dr Ruth Sanger, FRS, haematologist, 80; Lord Stodart of Leaston, 82; Mr R.J. Tyrrell, former chairman, The Henley Centre for Forecasting, 47; Mr Frank Tyson, former cricketer, 68; Miss Billie Whitelaw, actress, 66; Sir Donald Wilson, former chairman, North West Regional Health Authority 76.

TOMORROW: Lady Elizabeth Anson, party planner, 57; Mr Derek Barron, former chairman and chief executive, Ford Motor Company, 69; the Right Rev Michael Baughen, former Bishop of Chester, 68; Sir Wilfred Cockcroft, educationist, 75; Mr David Coleridge, former chairman, Lloyd's, 66; Sir Murray Fox, former Lord Mayor of London, 86; Mr Martyn Goff, former chairman, Book Trust, 75; Mr James Ivory, film director, 70; Mr P.G.E.F. Jones, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 73; Mr Tom Jones, singer, 58; the Earl of Lytton, 48; Sir Eric McDowell, chartered accountant, 73; Miss Virginia McKenna, actress, 67; Mr Liam Neeson, actor, 46; Mr Thomas Arfon Owen, former director, Welsh Arts Council, 65; Mrs Jean Parker, former chairman, North Lincolnshire Health Authority, 66; Mr Michael Pennington, actor and writer, 55; Mr Ronald Pickup, actor, 58; Mr Neal Radford, cricketer, 41; Mr Curtis Robb, athlete, 26; Mr Jim Rose, former chairman, Penguin Books, 89; the Very Rev John A. Simpson, Dean of Canterbury, 65; Professor Sir William Stewart, FRS, former Chief Scientific Adviser, Cabinet Office, and Head of the Office of Science and Technology, 63; the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, 41.

Anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: Velázquez, painter, Seville, 1599; Nathan Hale, American Revolution patriot, Coventry, Connecticut, 1755; Alexander Pushkin, writer, Moscow, 1799; Robert Falcon Scott, Antarctic explorer, Devonport, 1868; Sir Denison Ross, orientalist, London, 1871; Thomas Mann, novelist, Lübeck, Germany, 1875; William Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State 1912-32, Dublin, 1880; Ahmed Sukarno, President of Indonesia 1949-67, Surabaya, Eastern Java, 1902.

DEATHS: George Anson, Baron Anson, admiral and navigator, Moor Park, Hertfordshire, 1762; Patrick Henry, American statesman, Red Hill, Charlotte County, Virginia, 1799; Henry Grattan, Irish patriot, London, 1820; Jeremy Bentham, philosopher, London, 1831; Sir John Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada 1867-73 and 1878-91, Ottawa, 1891; Sir Henry Coward, musician, Sheffield, 1944; Gerhart Hauptmann, dramatist, Nobel laureate 1912, Agnetendorf, Germany, 1946; Carl Gustav Jung, psychologist, Zurich, 1961; Robert Kennedy, American Attorney-General, shot, Los Angeles, died this day, 1968.

The first public museum, the Ashmolean, was opened by Elias Ashmole, Oxford, 1683.

D-Day, when Allied troops landed in Normandy, 1944.

George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was published, 1949.

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: John Rennie, civil engineer, East Linton, Lothian, 1761; Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, Prime Minister 1812-27, London, 1770; George (Beau) Brummell, dandy, London, 1778; William Daniel Conybeare, geologist, London, 1787; Sir James Young Simpson, obstetrician, pioneer of anaesthetics, Bathgate, Lothian, 1811; Paul Gauguin, painter, Paris, 1848; Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect, Glasgow, 1868; Sir Landon Ronald, conductor and composer, London, 1873; J.B. Morton (Beachcomber), satirist and historian, Tooting, 1893; Imre Nagy, Premier of Hungary 1953-55 and 1956, Kaposvar, 1895; Elizabeth Bowen, novelist, Co Cork, 1899; Pietro Annigoni, painter, Milan, 1910.

DEATHS: Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland 1306-29, Cardoss, 1329; Johann Friedrich Hölderlin, poet, Tübingen, Germany, 1843; Jean Harlow, film actress, Los Angeles, 1937; Dorothy Parker, writer, New York, 1967; E.M. Forster, novelist and critic, Coventry, 1970; Philip Guston, American painter, 1980; Henry Miller, American writer, Pacific Palisades, California, 1980.

Sir Thomas Gresham laid the foundation stone of the first Royal Exchange, London, 1566.

The first sitting of the Northern Ireland Parliament, 1921.

The Vatican City was established, Rome, 1929.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr P.J.C. Ashworth and Miss L.C. Hayes
The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Dr and Mrs Anthony Ashworth, of Englishcombe, Bath, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr John Hayes, CBE, and Mrs John Hayes, of Butlers Wharf, London.

Mr W.R.E. Ashworth and Miss M.L. Topliss
The engagement is announced between William Rupert, only son of the late Rupert Ashworth and of Lady Milligan and stepson of Lord Milligan, of Edinburgh, and Megan Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Topliss, of Surbiton, Surrey.

Mr N.F. Bingham and Miss S.P.J. Wiseman
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T.E. Bingham, of Henley-on-Thames, and Scarlett, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J. Wiseman, of Shenstone, Staffordshire.

Captain J.C. Bladon, RA, and Miss L.M. Davis
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Major and Mrs Nigel Bladon, of Godmanstone, Dorset, and Louisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Davis, of Bushley, near Tewkesbury.

Mr A.D. Boyle and Miss J.L. Williams
The engagement is announced between Alexander Donald, only son of Dr and Mrs Ronald Boyle, of East Lound, North Lincolnshire, and Joanne Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Williams, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Major J.D.C. Bulloch and Señorita M.A. Lorente Candelas
The engagement is announced between Major James Bulloch, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), only son of Brigadier and Mrs Gavin Bulloch, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, and María Arántzazu, eldest daughter of Señores de Lorente Simancas (Don José María), of Madrid.

Mr P. King and Miss L. Dottridge
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Brian and Pamela King, of Sydney, Australia, and Lucy, daughter of Paul and Vivien Dottridge, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.C.V. Mardles and Miss K.E. Cooke
The engagement is announced between Crispin, youngest son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Peter Mardles, of Weston Colville, Cambridgeshire, and Katherine, youngest daughter of Mrs Monica Stinson and Mr Keith Cooke, of Dronfield, Derbyshire.

Mr J.T. Otto-Jones and Miss S.L. Watkins
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs John Otto-Jones, of St Nicholas, Vale of Glamorgan, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lindsay Watkins, of Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan.

Mr N. Scott and Miss H.A. Drury
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Scott, of Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, and Hilary Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Drury, of Debenham, Suffolk.

Mr R.B. Simpkin and Miss P.C. Jackman
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr Donald Simpkin and the late Mrs Christine Simpkin, of Lichfield, Staffordshire, and Philippa, daughter of the Revd and Mrs David Jackman, of Southwark, London.

Mr R.N.W. Spencer and Mrs A.C. Condon
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Dominick Spencer, of Wicken, Cambridgeshire, and Alison, daughter of the late Mr Philip Ayres and of Mrs Betty Ayres, of Yarnton, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.M. Swerdlow and Miss V.S.T. Hawkes
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Norman Swerdlow, of Liverpool, and Tor, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs Anthony Hawkes, of Laxfield, Suffolk.

Marriages

Mr M.E. Barlow and Ms A.J.V. Purkis
The marriage took place on Friday, June 5, at Syon House, Syon Park, South West London, between Mr Martin Edward Barlow, of Constantine Bay, Cornwall, and Ms Amanda Jane Viviane Purkis, of Malpas, Cheshire.

Mr D.P.B. Maile and Miss S.M. Lane Fox
The marriage took place in London, on Friday, May 29, of Mr Duncan Maile to Miss Serena Lane Fox.

School news

Giggleswick School

Giggleswick School has pleasure in announcing the following Scholarships and Awards for September, 1998:

3rd Form
Music Scholarship: Mark Almack, Ripon Cathedral.
General Distinction Scholarships: Toby Belshaw, Malsis; Jamie Monk, Settle Middle School: Daniel Woolnough, Moorlands Schools: Sam Chrisilan, Catterall Hall.
General Distinction Exhibitions: Thomas Hart, Minster School, York; Rachel Smith, Catterall Hall.
Art Exhibition: Matthew Bigland, Catterall Hall.
Academic Exhibition: Peter Drake, Catterall Hall.
Academic Scholarships: Christopher French, Ben Vickers and Edward Wilman, Catterall Hall.

6th Form
Design Scholarship: Adam Barr, Giggleswick.
General Distinction Scholarship: Karen Bradley, Upper Wharfedale.
General Distinction Exhibition: James Hirstie, Honley High School.
Academic Scholarships: Laura Monk, Settle High School; Sarah Peacock, St Anne's Windermere; Hilde Tucker, Nordberg Ungdomsskole.
Art Exhibition: Fiona Tetley, Queen Mary's, Thirsk.

Royal Society of Portrait Painters

Mr Graham Jones has been elected to membership of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. Mr Paul Brason, RP, was awarded The Ondaatje Prize for Portraiture: The Carroll Foundation Young Portrait Painters Award was won by Mr Andrew James; and Mr Martin Yeoman was awarded The Philip Solomon Prize for Portrait Drawing.

KENNEDY CLINGS TO LIFE AFTER BRAIN OPERATION

JORDAN ARAB CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

From Bruce Page — Los Angeles, June 5

Senator Robert Kennedy clung to life in a critical condition after being shot in the head and neck by a gunman in Los Angeles at 12.20 a.m. local time yesterday.

In a three-hour operation, surgeons removed a bullet from his brain, but they reported that there had been impairment of the brain's blood supply governing many vital physical and mental functions. Dr. Henry Cuneo, one of the operating surgeons, was quoted as saying that Senator Kennedy "might not make it".

A Jordan Arab from Jerusalem, named by Los Angelese police as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, has been charged on six counts of assault with intent to murder. Five other people were injured in the shooting.

Mr. Frank Mankiewicz, Senator Kennedy's press secretary, said tonight that the doctors were concerned over the senator's chances of survival. It was the first time that the word "survival" had been used by him.

A medical bulletin issued by the Good Samaritan Hospital said: "The team of physicians attending Senator Robert Kennedy is concerned over his continuing failure to show improvement during the post-operative period. As of 5 p.m. (1 a.m. B.S.T.) Senator Kennedy's condition is still described as extremely critical as to life."

An earlier report to a press conference said there had been two bullets in his body. Most of one body in his head had been removed. A small fragment remained but it was not considered a serious threat, nor was another bullet still lodged in the fleshy part of his body.

In New York Dr. Lawrence Pool of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre said there was damage to the cerebellum and part of the right cerebral hemisphere and the midbrain, the main cable connecting the brain to the rest of the body. It was possible Mr. Kennedy could survive with his intellectual functions unimpaired but incapable of making use of his intellect without permanent help.

Mrs. Kennedy, who is expecting her eleventh child in January, has a room next to her husband's at the hospital. Together with Senator Edward Kenendy, she spent most of the day at her husband's bedside. Members of the family who were at the hospital attended a special Mass in the boardroom.

The man who has been charged in Los Angeles with assault on Senator Robert Kennedy with intent to murder has so far refused to discuss the shooting with the police. Sirhan's identity is said to have been established through the serial number of a revolver. Bail was set in $250,000 and Sirhan was taken to Los Angeles county central gaol. When he was arrested he was said to have had two newspaper cuttings. One was from a Pasadena paper. Police said it criticized Senator Kennedy. The second included details of where Mr Kennedy would be speaking. His former employer, Mr. John Weidner, manager of a Pasadena health shop, said Sirhan was "a good worker and honest man, but he had a lot of complexes, mainly related to Israel".

ON THIS DAY

June 6, 1968

Senator Robert F. Kennedy was clinging to life after being shot in the head and neck. He had just made a speech celebrating his victory in the California primary. President Johnson immediately ordered all available secret service agents to guard other presidential candidates

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Senator Kennedy: family attended a Mass in hospital

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BIRTHS

BRAYBROOK - On May 26th, to Caroline (née Read) and Martin, a beautiful daughter, Camilla Grace, a sister for James and Sophie.

BURKE - On May 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Saskia and Paul, a daughter, Eleanor Joy, a gorgeous sister for Jack.

DILL-RUSSELL - On 1st June 1998, to Joanna (née Lewis) and Patrick, a son, Thomas Nicholas.

ELLIS - On 7th May, to Clare (née Hoult) and Tom, a son, Patrick.

FEDOROFF - On 4th June, to Marina (née Princess Gallitzine) and Alexander, a son, Nikolai.

GUMMER - Maia Fay, born on 22nd May 1998, a daughter to Melanie and Andrew.

JOHNSON - on May 23rd 1998, Singapore, to Teresa (née Pryke) and Richard, a daughter Antonia May.

LANDI - On May 15th, to Marco Valerio and Amanda (née Dickson), a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Giulia.

BIRTHS

MARTIN-ZAKHEIM - On Tuesday 2nd June 1998, to Alexandra (nee Silk) and Christopher, a daughter, Xanthe Anne.

MOOR - On 4th June 1998 to Madeleine (nee Cleave) and Gregory, a daughter, Bernadette Clare Maria, a half-sister for Rowan.

NORRIS - On May 27th at Wycombe General Hospital, a precious son, William John, to Jane (nee Parker) and Adam.

STOKES - on 4th June in Spring Valley, Illinois, USA to Cassie and James a daughter Alexandra Diana Scott

VAN OORDT - On 2nd June in St Helier, Jersey, to Anna (née Backhurst) and Hans, a son, George William Louis.

WALTON - On May 21st at Watford General Hospital, to Mary (née Ferguson) and David, a daughter, Eleanor Mary.

WATERMAN - On May 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra and Keith, a daughter, Charlotte Jane, a sister for Sarah Rebecca.

WILLS - On June 2nd at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, to Julie (née Thyer) and Arnold, a son, Robert Howard, a brother for Thomas and Hannah.

DEATHS

RALINT - Andrew, on the 4th June peacefully in hospital aged 85. Dearly loved husband of Agnes and deeply missed father, grandfather and brother. Funeral Service at Hoop Lane Cemetery, on Sunday 7th June at 3.00pm, no flowers.

BEITH - Alexander Gilbert of Peebles and formerly of Blyth on 4th June 1998 aged 94. Devoted husband of Hester (née Spencer) and loving father of Fiona, Kathleen and Deirdre. Funeral at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh on Wednesday 10th June at 11.45am. Family flowers only.

FLORENTSEN - (née Robertson). In Spain on 17th May 1998, aged 75, Joan Pamela, beloved wife of Frede and much loved by all her family. Sadly missed by all. Died peacefully after a long and valiant fight against cancer. Funeral service took place on 22nd May at Chapel San Barnabe, Marbella, followed by cremation.

FRANCIS - John Grimwade on June 2nd 1998 suddenly at home aged 75. Much loved husband of Jean and father of Robert. Funeral at St. Mary's, Shackleford on Friday June 12th at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Starehe Endowment Fund or Macmillan Cancer Relief c/o J. Gorringe & Son Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey GU7 3EF. Tel: 01483 416403.

FRASER - Donald Blake FRCS FRCOG, formerly of St Bartholomew's Hospital, died peacefully on 2nd June in Townsville, Australia, aged 87. Beloved husband of Betsy, father of Ellen and Ian and grandfather of Jonathan and Tori. Cremation took place on 4th June. Donations if desired to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, London NW1.

HARRISON - Elizabeth Alban (Betsan), aged 90, on Friday June 5th 1998 peacefully at Rock House, Chalfont St Peter, much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother of Richard, Michael, Michele, Christopher, Sarah, William and Callum. Private cremation at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham at 1.30pm, followed by Service of Thanksgiving for all friends at Gold Hill Baptist Church, Chalfont St Peter at 3pm on Thursday June 11th 1998. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to National Asthma Campaign c/o H.C. Grimstead Limited, Churchfield Road, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

HARRIS Barbara Elizabeth died peacefully at the Joseph Weld Hospice, Dorchester on Wednesday 3rd June 1998. Cremation at Yeovil Crematorium at 2.00pm on Thursday 11th June. Service and interment of cremated remains at St. Mary's Parish Church, Stalbridge at 12 noon on Friday 12th June. Any donations for St. Mary's Church c/o Peter Jackson Funeral Services, Moms, High Street, Henstridge, Somerset BA8 0RB. Tel: 01963 362570.

HILDITCH - Eileen M (née Ford) peacefully at Nuffield Hospital, Chester on June 4th. Beloved treasured mother and devoted friend to Anthea. Joy and family. Service of Thanksgiving St Oswald's, Malpas on 12th June at 1.30 pm. Garden flowers only, please. Donations at service to Cancer Charities. Enquiries Howell Bros. Funeral Directors. Tel: (01948) 662338.

PUCKLE - Philippa Mary (née Mott) on June 2nd peacefully at Knowle Park aged 96. Dearly loved wife of the late Gordon Puckle of Pulborough. Devoted mother of Adam, Ping and Ash, much loved grandmother of six. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at the Church of St Peter ad Vincula, Wisborough Green, West Sussex on Tuesday 16th June 1998 at 2.30 pm. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Knowle Park Nursing Home, c/o W. Bryder & Sons 01798 342174.

PARSONS - William James Lt Col. M.B.E. Late South Wales Borderers on June 4th 1998. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather and brother. Funeral Service in Brecon Cathedral on June 9th at 2pm. Family flowers only donations if so desired for the friends of Brecon Cathedral and S.S.A.F.A Forces Help c/o Peter Evans F.D. Brookfield Groesffordd Brecon Powys Tel: 01874 665608

RICHARDSON - Peacefully at her home "Greengate" Dyke, by Forres on Thursday June 4th 1998. Catherine Mary Russell in her 95th year, dearly beloved wife of Robert Richardson and a much loved mother to Sydney and Charles and mother-in-law to Valerie.

WILSON - Sylvia Hall (née Murray), a courageous loving mother, wife and sister, died at Wexham Park Hospital on Sunday 31st May aged 70. She will be greatly missed by family and friends worldwide. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Cranbourne, near Ascot on Monday 8th June at 10 am. Flowers to be sent to E. Sergeant & Son, Windsor. Enquiries (01753) 865962. Donations if desired to Kennet and Avon Canal Trust Adoption Appeal.

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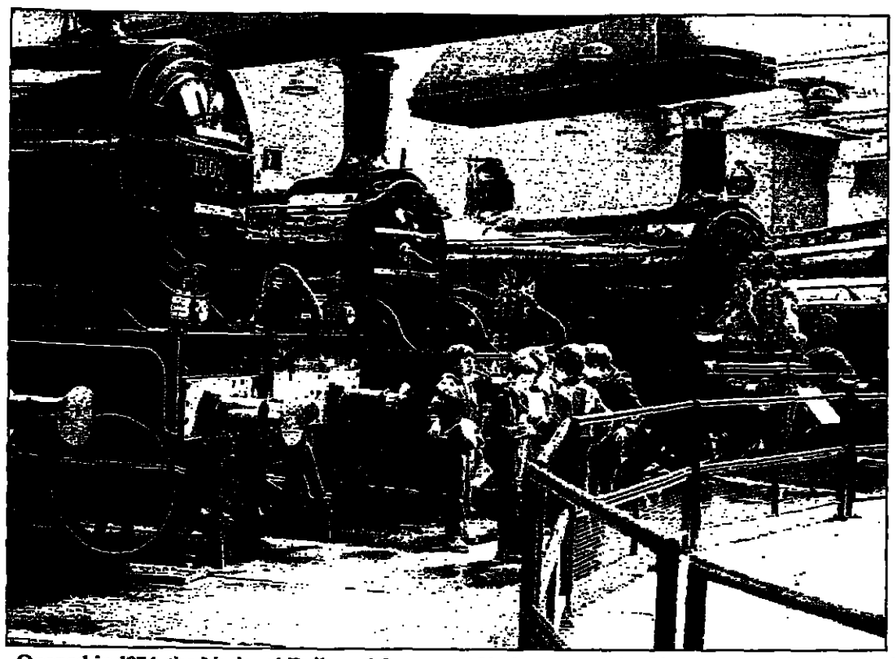
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OBITUARIES

JOHN COILEY

John Coiley, Keeper of the National Railway Museum, 1974-92, died of a heart attack in Switzerland on May 22 aged 66. He was born on March 29, 1932.





Opened in 1974, the National Railway Museum at York owes much of its success to the efforts of its first Keeper, John Coiley (right, before his retirement in 1992)

John Coiley had the distinction — and, he would have said, the good fortune — to be in charge of establishing the National Railway Museum in York. Its success owed more to him than to anyone. His combination of courtesy, enthusiasm and a scholarly knowledge of railways quickly won the museum a reputation that went far beyond Yorkshire, and far beyond the world of rail enthusiasts.

John Arthur Coiley was by discipline a metallurgist. He first joined the Science Museum, South Kensington, at the age of 41 in 1973, as the assistant keeper in charge of its railway collection. He arrived with a BA and PhD from Selwyn College, Cambridge, and had worked for a while in the scientific Civil Service, starting at the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, before spending five years as development manager at Fulmer Research Laboratories. He had an interest in cars as well as railways, had done some rally driving and was a good photographer. He was ideally suited to the Science Museum's department of transport, and fitted in straight away.

The Science Museum had by then been involved for several years in preparatory discussions about a National Railway Museum. This was the result of a provision in the 1968 Transport Act, which stipulated that the British Railways Board should transfer responsibility for its historic railway collections to the Department of Education and Science, and thus in effect to the Science Museum.

The Director of the Science Museum was intent on preserving these important collections. The British Railways Board was to offer suitable accommodation for the new museum, and after consultation settled on the former Motive Power depot in York as the most suitable of the available sites. In the debate on the Bill on December 5, 1968, the Minister responsible, Jennie Lee, said that "to have one really first-class museum at York is in the best interest of the people generally, and it is in keeping with government policy that we should have some high points of excellence outside London as well as inside."

But there was opposition to that idea from London, and it was only after much debate and argument about the location of the museum, and further delay caused by a change of Government, that a decision was reached. On January 11, 1973, it was finally announced that the new National Railway Museum would open at York. The opening was scheduled for September 27, 1975, to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

There followed a period of building work under British Railways' aegis, to convert the Motive Power Depot into a suitable museum building. It was, therefore, not until 1974 that an open competition was held to appoint a Keeper for the National Railway Museum, which was to operate as an outstation of the Science Museum. John Coiley got the job.

The time between his appointment and the scheduled opening was very short. There was a great deal of work to be done, for the plan proposed taking over the British Rail collections from Clapham and York and presenting them in a wholly new way. With his swiftly recruited York team, and with any help that the staff in South Kensington could give, Coiley set to work. Though seemingly calm and relaxed, and often gently smiling, Coiley had enormous drive, and it should have come as no surprise that the museum was ready on the appointed day.

At Coiley's suggestion, local visitors were welcomed in on that very first day, as soon as the Duke of Edinburgh had declared the museum open. Clearly excited by what they saw, they quickly adopted it as their own: in Yorkshire a few weeks later, the director of the Science Museum was delighted to be asked: "Have you seen our new museum?" Visitors numbers greatly exceeded expectations, contributing significantly to York's tourism economy.

After the opening there was still much to do: in conservation; in cataloguing; in facilitating the full utilisation of the collections, including the extensive pictorial and photographic resources; and in careful acquisition, particularly in the early and contemporary periods.

The aim was that history, technology and contemporary practice should all be covered. To this end the 1968 Act had contained a provision giving the museum the right to claim, without payment, from the British Railways Board, any railway material not still required for operational needs. Coiley used this provision sensibly and selectively to the great advantage of the collections. He ensured that the museum maintained an extremely good relationship with British Rail, and the two worked closely together.

The museum's international standing grew steadily over the years. Its replica of Stephenson's Rocket proved under Coiley's juridisdiction an effective ambassador, making goodwill visits as far afield as America and Japan. Coiley and the Rocket also helped in the Science Museum's quiet efforts to maintain links with the museums of Eastern Europe. The growing international status of the railway museum was helped by the keeper's involvement with the International Association of Transport Museums, and he was the president for the three-year term from 1983-1986.

Coiley also played an an important role when the Science Museum's second outstation, the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, was being established. His contribution ranged from workshop help to organising the visit of the chairman of Kodak when that company was considering donating its museum to the new museum in Bradford.

The size of railway objects was a challenge from the beginning. The largest items were more than the new museum could accommodate under cover. To address the problem Coiley quickly established good relations with the country's various Railway Preservation Societies, allowing them to benefit from a carefully organised and supervised system of loans from the national collections.

Such partnerships allowed items from the collection to be seen in other parts of the country. But it was recognised very early that the original museum scheme did not include sufficient provision for expansion, and soon opportunities for acquiring additional premises were being pursued.

It was felt that the remainder of the main building, that part adjoining the main line, which was not handed over originally, should be acquired. Not only was it big enough for larger exhibits, but it would also provide an opportunity at some future date to arrange main line viewing. Another much larger building regarded as a desirable acquisition was the Railway Goods Depot on the other side of Leeman Road. This building could for a suitable interim period be used for reserve collection purposes with some public access. Coiley managed to arrange the purchase of both buildings; together they helped to double the size of the museum.

Plans were well-advanced for the second of those buildings, now named the Peter Allen building, to come into full public use, when in the mid-1980s serious problems were encountered with the reinforced concrete-beamed roof of the original hall. A large-scale programme had to be instituted to replace the roof. Coiley and the present director rose to the challenge and managed to keep the core of the national collections on public display by installing the Great Railway Show in the Peter Allen Building across the road and having an additional exhibition at Swindon. It was a source of great pleasure to Coiley — and a tribute to him — when the National Railway Museum won the Museum of the Year award in 1991.

John Coiley retired in 1992 after 17 years as Keeper of the National Railway Museum, but continued to take a great interest in the museum. He still pursued his various railway interests and died of a heart attack on the station at Chur while leading a group of people interested in Swiss railways.

He is survived by his wife Patsy and by two sons and a daughter.

EVELYN BUNNING

Evelyn Bunning, colonial hostess, died on May 24 aged 102. She was born on September 17, 1895.



Evelyn Bunning: consummate colonial hostess in the 1940s

EVELYN BUNNING was one of the last grand colonial hostesses. Though she was a trained nurse, skilled in tropical medicine, it was as the wife of the general manager of the Nigerian Railway in the 1940s that she became famous for her stylish hospitality. She maintained her chic and dignity to the very last. In University College Hospital on the day before she died, she was offered a glass of mineral water. With a gentle turn of authority she inquired: "Is it chilled?"

Evelyn Alma Kusel Smith grew up in Liverpool, and the appeal of nursing persuaded her to forego her early ambition to study history at university. Seven years of training — which took her to Paisley and to the London School of Tropical Medicine — produced a qualified midwife with all-round nursing skills, then much needed in the far-flung corners of the Empire. Unusually for a young woman in the 1920s, she set out to work as a nurse in the Bahamas, and she later recalled how she had seen Al Capone on board his yacht off the coast of New Providence.

In the 1930s her expertise in tropical medicine took up a fresh challenge when she travelled to Nigeria. There she met John Bunning, who was assistant traffic superintendent for the Nigerian Railway. In 1934 they returned to London for a society wedding at All Souls Church in Langham Place.

Her husband then took a senior posting with the Gold Coast Railway (in present day Ghana), before eventually becoming general manager of the Nigerian Railway in 1943. In colonial Africa, the general manager of the railways ranked somewhere just below the Governor, and in a few countries his residence was more palatial than Government House.

The war proved a major obstacle to entertaining, but Evelyn Bunning made friends with the right people in Lagos harbour and the cupboard was never bare. She was in her element directing a large domestic staff, but her parties were marked by two of her favourite pastimes. She was an accomplished mixer of cocktails (a skill she probably learnt in California), and for the long tropical evenings she introduced her guests to roulette, with her own table and wheel.

She and her husband had to travel to remote areas of Nigeria when inspections were needed or new track was being laid, and in later life she often looked back nostalgically on the days when the general manager would travel on a personal train with its own sleeper, dining car and sitting room.

After a period in London, the Bunnings went on to British Guiana where John Bunning took charge of the transport and harbours department. Their own farewell to Empire came with their retirement to the South of France, in that part of the Cote d'Azur dubbed "little Africa". But family and friends were fêted in the same grand manner in Beaulieu-sur-Mer as official guests had been in Africa.

After her husband died in 1968, Evelyn Bunning set about widowhood as if it were a new journey. She had eight different homes in 30 years, including Kent, Herefordshire and South Wales. She eventually chose Cardiff, to be near her family, but just two months before her death, she moved to Islington in London to be near a favourite nephew. She received her 100th birthday message from the Queen while on holiday in the Canary Islands.

When she was received by the Governor-General of Antigua, Evelyn Bunning told her host that she wanted to sign the visitors' book. When he paused and wondered where it was, she told him it would be at the front gate of Government House. Some colonial customs had never changed.

ROY EVANS

Roy Evans, OBE, table tennis pioneer, died on May 18 aged 88. He was born on October 8, 1909.



Evans: "ping pong diplomacy" between the US and China

ROY EVANS did more than persuade large areas of the world that table tennis was not a game in miniature but one of the biggest sports of all: he made use of the game in a historic diplomatic initiative. It was his unexpected meeting with Premier Zhou Enlai in 1971 that laid the foundations of a visit to China by the American President Richard Nixon, and led to what became famous as "ping-pong diplomacy". This re-established relations between the most populous nation on earth and the most powerful, helping to end China's international isolation after five years of the notorious Cultural Revolution.

Being inexpensive, simple to understand and easy to begin, table tennis fitted well into communist ideology, and as president of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), Evans made skilful use of this advantage.

So many millions played in China — often on stone tables in the open air — that it was rapidly becoming a national sport, and when the political leaders began to think of renewing contact with the outside world it was entry to the world table tennis championships in Nagoya in 1971 that they sought. They did so by summoning Evans to Canton in an atmosphere of secrecy and subterfuge.

When the request was accompanied by a demand to eject from the tournament the South Vietnamese, with whom the Chinese were then in conflict, Evans succeeded in implanting an alternative plan in the mind of Zhou Enlai — inviting Western teams returning from Japan to play matches in China. Grasping the opportunity, Evans also facilitated the visit of American journalists, so that this Chinese contact with their Cold War enemies would not remain unknown to the outside world.

On many other occasions, too, Evans showed that he was just as accomplished a salesman of ideas as of the accounting machines he sold for most of his working life. A Welshman with a silver tongue and a steady temperament, he built a ten-year relationship with the president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, which led to table tennis being accepted as an Olympic sport at the Seoul Games in 1988.

By that time, the ITTF, born with nine nations in 1926, had more than 150 affiliated member countries, doubling in size during Evans's 20-year presidency to become one of the biggest participatory sports in the world. Yet his Olympic triumph coincided with the biggest disappointment of Evans's leadership. Keen to end Britain's 60-year hold upon the ITTF's top job, the Chinese plotted to unseat him — and succeeded just one year before the 1988 Games. Deaf to Evans's promise to retire in Seoul, they helped to install Japan's former world champion Ichiro Ogimura in his place.

Evans's consolation was to be made an honorary life president of the ITTF, enabling him to enjoy an honourable position at the Games. And there he was given another notable award, the Olympic Order, by Samaranch.

Although Roy Evans had himself been an international player and a coach, his affection for table tennis might not have expressed itself in such a long and committed leadership of the game, but for his love of Nancy Jackson, the most successful woman player Wales has ever had.

He began practising with her in 1929, married her four years later, and acquired a lifelong companion who, by becoming secretary of the European Table Tennis Union and the first woman member of the ITTF council, was able to travel the world with him.

Evans's married daughter predeceased him. He is survived by his wife.

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Dated: 28 May 1998
Peter Norman Spraot
Liquidator

MILESTONES

Barry Goldwater, US Senator, 1953-64 and 1969-87, and Republican presidential candidate in 1964, died on May 29 aged 89. He was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 1, 1909.

Throughout his political career Barry Goldwater could be relied upon to be unpredictable. There was an air of vulnerable innocence about his politics. He was no demagogue, but rather a man captivated by the mythology of his country. To him the United States was still a land of wide open spaces, inhabited by rugged individualists, and he knew little of its urban turmoil. Libertarian rather than liberal, a firm believer in individual freedoms, he proclaimed himself opposed to government interference in people's lives, in favour of free enterprise, lower taxes and the achievement of "total victory" over communism. He lived long enough to become an American icon.

Obituary published May 30.

Sir David Huddie, former Rolls-Royce executive, died on May 14 aged 82. He was born on March 12, 1916.

As managing director of the aero-engine division of Rolls-



Royce, David Huddie won the contract to supply the RB211 engine for the new Lockheed L1011 trijet airbus. When the deal was signed in 1968 it was hailed as a commercial and engineering triumph, the biggest single export deal in British history. Three years later Rolls-Royce was bankrupt, unable to bear the enormous research and development costs which the RB211 contract imposed.

In a government report into the affair Huddie was strongly criticised. Other members of the board — and of the Government — were fortunate to escape similar censure. Nevertheless, the RB211 has been a long-term success, and there are more than 2,300 still in service around the world.

Obituary published June 2.

Dr Charles Rycroft, psychoanalyst, died on May 24 aged 83. He was born on September 9, 1914.

Within the profession of psychoanalysis Charles Rycroft was an outstanding, if mercurial, figure. He began, well before his time, to question the scientific basis of psychoanalysis and its intellectual isolation. He therefore concentrated on writing for the wider public. As a psychoanalyst he avoided jargon. He related human behaviour to biology and insisted that psychoanalytic thinking was a linguistic discipline, being clinically a search for meaning; he pointed out that Freud's greatest book was entitled *The Interpretation of Dreams*, not *The Explanation of Dreams*. His own



writings have the double function of introducing psychoanalytic ideas to the general public and of re-examining those concepts and modifying them so as to make them less "scientific" and more semantic.

Obituary published June 5.

Equities end on high note

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646	506	Allied Domecq	598	-2	4.1	14.6
412½	295	Bulmer (HP)	356½		5.2	11.1
42½	19½	Burn Stewart	21		10.1	
772½	432	Diageo▼	725½	-4½	2.5	31.7
900	755	Glenmorangie A	875	-85	2.1	20.1
325	258	Highland Distl	305½		3.7	14.1
215	160	Matthew Clark	198½	+2½	12.6	6.4
59½	37½	Merrydown W	49½	-½	7.8	
2021½	1368½	SA Breweries	1612½	-21½	2.4	

BANKS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1609½	1178½	ABN-AMRO	1468½	-18½	2.2	20.8
1545	1010	Abbey Natl	1080	-16	3.6	16.6
1032	585	Alliance & Leic	810	-½	3.2	16.3
954	587½	Allied Irish	799½	+9	2.3	22.4
458½	376½	Aust New Z	395½	-10½	5.2	
5416½	3881½	Bank America	5087½	+121½		
813	431	Bank Scotland	722	+6½	1.7	19.3
1996	1068	Barclays	1676	+14	2.8	15.6
1309	916½	Bk of Ireland	1150	+13	2.2	
11024½	6790½	Citicorp	9443½	+165½		
1690½	1565½	Commerzbk	1671½	-3½	3.2	
543½	290½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	378½	-3½	1.0	
5368½	3668½	Deutsche Bk	5309½	-6½	1.2	
1296½	1153½	Espirito Santo	1190½	-3½	3.3	
531	245½	Fuji Bank Y†	265	-21½	1.4	54.8
3073	1264	HSBC	1598	+41	3.9	12.8
2002	937	HSBC HK	1511	+44	4.1	12.1
1000	700½	Halifax	957	+17	2.6	24.8
942½	642½	Irish Perm	742½		2.2	31.5
1090	698	Lloyds TSB	895	+21½	2.4	23.8
916½	770½	Nat Aust Bk	800	-17½	4.4	
1241	751	Nat West	1100	-3	3.7	23.4
673	510	Northern Rock	615½	+4½	2.1	25.2
1099	565	Ryl Bk Scot†	1065	+31	2.6	19.8
1050	528	Stand Chart	711		3.3	11.5
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	
439	359½	Westpac	359½	-16	3.7	
400	308	Woolwich	335½	-5½	3.5	17.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1195	873	Bass▼	1110	-5	3.2	19.1
81½	50½	Brs Int the Bor	78	+½	3.0	33.3
189½	144½	Burtonwd Brw	189½	+6	4.6	16.7
153½	110	City Centre Rest	153½	+4½	2.3	23.6
1277	581	Compass Gp	1230	-55	1.0	40.3
334½	280½	Eldridge P 'A'	334½	+4	2.4	16.2
384½	257½	Enterprise Inns†	368½	-2½	2.6	21.1
517½	425	Fuller Sm A	517½	+15	2.8	
532½	400	Greenalls Grp	532	+10½	4.1	12.4
760	676½	Greene King	757½	+10	2.8	15.5
289½	197½	Grosvenor Inns	289½		3.8	37.9
355½	260	Groupe Chez Ge	354	+4	1.2	24.5
281½	214½	Hardy Hanson	280½		5.1	12.1
2175	1825	Holt JI	2015		4.2	9.8
76	62	Inn Business	71½	+1	3.3	10.8
317	279	Marstons	304½	+1	3.0	12.6
360	254½	Mstn Tmp	359	+11½	2.9	12.7
457½	402½	Morland	457½	+38½	3.7	12.0
393½	234½	Old Eng Pubs	366½	-4	1.0	25.3
31½	21½	Paramount	29½	+3		
872	678½	PizzaExpress	869	-½	0.5	39.2
377½	297½	Ransomes (H)	345		1.8	32.1
388½	302½	Regent Inns	381½	-2	1.2	27.3
237½	130½	SFI	236	+2½	0.4	41.0
950	717	Scot & New	872	-3	2.2	17.4
356½	227	Vaux Group†	345		4.1	14.3
342	273½	Wetherspoon JD	314		0.8	33.8
1146	850	Whitbread†	1025	+36	3.2	18.4
537	469	Wolverhampton Dt	534½	+5	4.5	11.6
551½	381	Yates Bros	550	+9	0.7	39.6
667½	637½	Young 'A'	645	+5	3.2	

BUILDING MATERIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
75½	49½	Aggregate Indst	75		2.9	25.9
250	199	Anglian Group	250		4.7	15.1
447	290	BPB	428	-2	2.9	19.6
118½	88½	Baggeridge Brk	113½		4.0	12.2
62½	44½	Blockleys†	49½	-1	1.1	56.5
407	271½	Blue Circle†	385	-1	3.8	14.5
149	98½	Breedon PLC	143½	+7	5.1	17.4
192½	135½	Br Dredging†	189		4.3	20.5
931½	705	CRH	887½	+23½	1.2	22.2
62½	47½	Cakebread Rbn	62½		7.5	5.3
155½	107½	Cape	152½		5.3	13.1
215½	158½	Caradon	200½	-½	6.1	13.9
116½	100½	Caradon pf	111		6.2	
130½	90½	Chelton Gp	115	..	4.7	8.4
219	212½	Dyson (J&J)	212½		3.4	12.7
120	100	Dyson A	100		7.2	6.0
60½	43½	Ernclore	55			
197½	147	Epwell	180		7.7	8.8
131½	101½	Gibbs & Dandy	129		3.9	11.9
200	154	Graham Grp	186½		4.0	18.6
282½	227½	Halstead (J)	230		5.4	15.6
395	245	Hanson	364½	-3½	4.1	12.6
265	179	Hepworth†	258½		4.4	
178½	120½	Hewetson	172½		4.6	11.4
272½	202½	Heywd Wms	272½	+10	6.3	10.3
66	43	Ibstock†	59		4.7	14.7
365	250	Johnston†	317½		4.7	17.1
107½	84½	Lilleshall	106		6.0	10.4
139½	82½	Marley	125	-	5.0	10.8
162½	120	Marshalls†	158½		4.2	14.9
445½	328½	Meyer Int	433½	-3	3.5	16.2
77½	64½	Norcros	71½		3.3	15.7
149½	103½	Pilkington	137½	-3	3.9	16.5
196	156½	Polypipe	161	-2	2.7	12.0
24	14½	Quiligotti	19½			13.4
1400	740½	RMC Grp†	1309	-6	2.7	17.8
117½	78½	Rubberoid	109½	+1½	5.6	12.5
143	111½	Rugby Group†	140	-1	3.6	20.1
97	73½	Russell (A)	96½		3.9	14.6
276	195½	SIG	273½		3.6	13.9
3½	1½	SWP	2½			
237½	220½	Sharpe & Fisher†	232½		3.4	14.3
25	14½	Spring Ram†	19		0.7	
318½	144½	Streamline Hldgs	315	+2½	3.7	
133½	93	Tarmac†	125	-1	6.7	15.0
125	83	Titon†	117		5.7	11.6
628½	457	Travis Perkins	594	-8	2.3	18.3
107½	60½	Tudor†	94	-2	4.0	12.1
372	180½	Ultraframe	368½	-1	1.2	30.9
570	400	Wolseley	413	-6	3.5	13.2

CHEMICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188	134½	Albright & Wil	185	-1	3.9	18.3
127½	106½	Amber Ind	126½		5.7	10.0
113	97½	Amberley Gp	107½		2.0	18.1
100	72	Aplone Er	90			14.7
2868½	2003½	BASF DM	2868½	+6½	2.5	
1109	850	BOC†	940	-20	3.7	17.2
566	331½	BTP	532½	+15½	2.8	25.5
2934½	2131½	Bayer DM50	2926	+28½	2.0	
138	34½	Brent Chems	117	-½	3.2	14.2
342½	210½	Br Vita	329	-½	3.3	16.6
187½	128½	Brunner Mond	186		5.9	10.2
296	252½	Canning (W)†	278½		3.8	15.2
239½	155	City Technology	209		2.3	40.4
474	234	Courtaulds	444		3.7	29.3
469	351½	Croda†	436½	+1½	2.4	21.0
284½	203½	Doeflex	275½		3.9	11.8
178	116	Elementis	171½	-1½		27.2
317½	260½	Ellis & Everard	300	+1	4.2	12.9
77½	53½	Euro Colour	71		4.3	12.6
246½	138½	Gibbons†	243½		4.4	
94½	64½	Hickson†	86½	-2½	1.2	15.1
3062½	2096½	Hoechst	2998½	+16½	1.8	
1344	738½	ICI	1038	-18	2.9	43.6
321½	189	Inspec	302	-½	2.8	13.6
193½	141½	Kalon	184½		4.2	27.3
890½	605	Laporte	871½	-7½	3.0	17.6
75	47	Marsham	70½		4.3	6.8
35	27	Merotec	33	+1	4.0	8.3
380	320	Porvair	327½		2.4	18.2
231	181½	Scapa	216½		3.4	11.7
36½	16½	Scholle Speakt	24	-½	6.2	
1761½	1455½	Takeda Chem†	1550½	+9	0.6	19.8
248	227½	Victrex	238½		2.5	21.6
685	595	Wardhime P	630		5.4	10.1
240	190	Yorks Grp	225		5.3	14.2
440	262½	Yule Catto	433½	+1½	2.9	17.8

CONSTRUCTION

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58½	19½	AAF Inds	49	-1		
375	270	Abbey	375		2.2	28.2
459½	332½	Allen	440½		2.5	22.0
306	114	Amec†	305	+5	3.0	20.2
817½	400	Amey	812½	-2½	1.7	26.3
260	143	Andrews Sykes	247	-½	1.6	24.7
286½	180	Ashtead	277	-1½	1.0	34.5
48½	38½	Avonside	45½		4.1	8.7
40½	26½	Baird	39½	+2	4.5	10.6
73	48½	Bacom	70		2.7	17.3
341	224	Barratt Dev	337½	-3½	3.4	14.8
235	161½	Beazer	223½	+2½	3.8	12.6
401½	320½	Bellway†	390½	-6	3.0	13.0
29½	18½	Bellwinch	29½	-1		10.1
95½	46½	Ben Bailey	78½	-1½	3.6	9.1
784½	582½	Berkeley Gp	750½	+8	1.6	13.2
170	146	Bett Bros	166	+2	5.3	4.6
315	265	Bovis (Henry)†	266		4.0	9.9
276½	192½	Bovis Homes	256½		4.6	11.2
169½	105	Brandon Hire	168½		2.4	20.6
42½	30½	Britannia Grp	40		4.4	16.1
155½	109	Bryant	130½		4.8	12.0
128½	102½	CALA	121½	-1	3.8	7.9
4	3	Carroll & Anmg	3			
136½	83½	Clarke T	136½		5.8	9.4
42½	20	Costain	39½			
125½	97½	Countryside	124		2.6	8.9
145½	34½	Crest Nicholson	141½	-1	3.3	12.0
122½	85½	Cussins	117½		4.8	9.1
276	160	Eve Group	276	+1	3.4	20.4
23½	19½	Galliford	23½		5.6	13.6
1100	1015	Gleeson (MJ)†	1015		2.3	14.9
175	98	Havelock Europ	124	+1½	4.8	8.4
209½	152	Hewden-Stuart	208½	+8	2.1	25.2
38	20	Howard Hldgs	23		5.4	32.8
782½	369½	Jarvis	766	+20	1.1	39.3
252½	181	Keller	247½		2.6	
247½	199½	Kier	247½	+1	3.6	12.4
370½	308½	Laing (J)†	370	+4½	3.5	19.9
127½	117½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	127½	+½	6.3	
13½	8½	Lovell (YJ)	12½	+½		
212½	156½	Maunders (J)	208½		3.8	12.1
180	133½	McAlpine (Alf)	176½		5.3	10.5
191½	113½	McCarthy & St	186		2.2	13.5
142½	70	McInerney†	132½		0.9	15.1
236½	171½	Morgan Sindall	232½		2.8	14.2
397½	301	Morrison Cons	386		1.9	
146½	77½	Mowlem (J)†	146½	+1½	3.4	13.4
259½	182½	Persimmon†	249½	-½	5.0	11.7
109½	60½	Peterhouse†	86½	+1	5.3	6.0
125	112	Pochins	125		2.6	13.8
158½	116	Prowting	152½	+½	3.8	9.4
198	142½	Redrow	178	-1½	2.6	13.1
325	222½	Spandor	317½		1.5	18.3
94½	71½	Swan Hill	79	+2	4.4	14.3
142½	114	Tay Homes	137½	+1	7.5	10.3
238	174	Taylor Woodrw†	224½	+3	2.0	16.9
296½	190	Tilbury Douglas†	286½	+8	4.0	16.3
29½	21½	Try Group	26½		2.8	9.8
78½	63½	Vibroplant	78½		6.4	
139½	109½	Wainhomes	138½		4.9	
60	38½	Ward Hldgs	56½	-1	5.8	8.0
272½	238½	Westbury†	266½		3.5	11.4
154½	12½	Wiggins	15½	+½		22.9
191	139½	Wilson (C)	168½		4.1	
720	511	Wilson Bowdn	720		2.2	14.8
143½	92½	Wimpey G	140		5.1	11.6

DISTRIBUTORS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	251		1.4	20.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	315		9.0	4.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	24	-½		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1½			68.6
457	350	BSS Group	352½	+1½	7.4	10.6
20½	12½	Beaming Power	19½			
34½	34½	Bogod 'A'	34½		3.3	5.5
735	550	Bramms†	719½	-3	3.0	16.1
16½	10½	Bridgend Grp	16		1.6	25.5
113½	79	Brit Fittings •	106½		6.0	8.8
372½	345	Cathyns	357½		5.0	
206	170½	Car Group†	197½	-1	3.1	22.9
175½	134½	Caverdale†	170½	-1	2.9	10.8
54½	31½	Cook (DC)	54		5.6	7.7
139½	96½	Dag Motors	134½		8.1	7.3
125½	105½	Dennis E	109½		3.4	8.5
285	210	Diploma†	238½		7.6	10.0
601	450	Electrocomponents	563	+3	1.8	30.3
186	143½	Eurodis Elec	175½	-½	3.8	30.2
116½	84½	European Mtr	112½	-½	6.8	8.8
305	250½	Evans Halshaw	301		7.1	9.6
70½	39½	Fite Indmar	64½		7.2	7.3
400½	357½	Finelist Grp	361		2.8	14.4
27½	21½	Gardiner	27		4.6	11.5
82½	60½	Glencbenton	67		3.7	9.5
135½	89½	Gowrings	128½	..	3.4	12.2
18½	13	HR Owen	17½		5.7	11.4
405	340	Headlam	404		2.2	20.7
160	135	Holders Tech	135		6.2	8.4
120	69½	ISA Intl	70		5.9	6.9
250	136½	Inchcape†	223½	+1½	5.3	25.9
80	57½	Jacks (Wm)†	63½		6.9	6.0
583½	351½	Kwik-Fit	553	-4½	1.5	24.9
614	422½	Lex Service	588½	+4½	3.7	14.9
123	100	Lookers	112		9.4	7.1
517	351	Menzies (John)	516		3.3	18.7
5½	3	Middlesex	3½	..	3.8	8.0
19½	15½	Mitchelltest	16		3.8	
300½	242	Nortain	291½	+1½	3.8	11.8
281	197½	Northamber	234½	-½	1.6	15.6
342	290½	Parkco	291	-5	3.7	14.0
312½	249½	Peragon	266		5.0	12.6
255	187½	Perry Grp	234½		5.1	9.1
343	272	Premier Farnell†	375½	-1	4.3	14.8
164½	119½	Quicks Group†	163½		5.9	11.2
285	140	REA	175		2.3	29.4
3	1½	Reece	2½			
38½	30½	Ring	36			
12½	4½	Ronson	6½	+½		
5½	3½	Ross Gp	4½			10.6
112½	97½	Ryland	101½		5.4	7.7
31	25½	SEP Ind	30½	+3½	5.4	14.2
30	16½	Salore	21½		7.0	
290	211½	Sanderson Bram	288½	-1½	2.4	10.5
67½	48	Sedgemoor	56	-2	4.6	
273½	226½	Syner	268½		3.2	12.5
195½	152½	Time Products	152½		10.8	
215	132½	Trast Motor Grp†	193½	-6½	1.6	3.4
432	390	UMECO	410	+1½	1.8	21.9
124	88½	United Oseas Gp	107	+½	1.3	
299½	244½	Vardy (Reg)	285		3.6	12.6
800	655	WF Elect†	770		2.5	23.8
192½	140	Wyko	167½	-2½	2.4	15.8
165½	135	Young (H)†	165		3.6	11.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
330	232	Antofagasta▼	293½	+1½	2.4	21.7
385	229	Ascot Hldgs†	325½	-2	4.5	9.8
642	501½	Broken Hill	501½	-9½	3.7	14.9
697½	466½	BATT	592	+9½	4.8	15.0
43½	28½	Bentley Inv	28½	-¾	10.3	7.5
279½	167	Cookson	235½	-1	3.9	13.7
277½	217½	Cosalt	254½	+2	5.8	8.4
613	410	DCC†	557½		1.5	18.0
383	302	Gallaher	321	-2	7.5	9.1
450½	288	Hutch Whamp	300½	+2	4.3	...
474½	383½	Imperial Tob†	460½	-1½	5.9	11.0
325½	177½	Jardine Math†	177½	-2½	8.6	8.3
94½	71½	Lonrho Africa	78	-1	1.7	8.0
623½	474½	Powell Duffryn	576½	-26	5.6	13.9
147	101	Staveley	116	-½	9.7	15.2
368½	301½	Swire Pacific	307	+5½	6.7	6.4
393	241½	TT Group	352½	-3½	3.1	13.5
384½	298	Tomkins	348	+3½	3.4	14.8
250	207½	Unitas†	245		6.6	12.4
570	415	Wardle Storeys†	551		4.8	16.0
381½	301½	Wassall	324½		2.4	14.8
135½	78½	Whitecroft	80½		7.2	13.0

ELECTRICITY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
610	310	Br Energy†	601½	+15½	3.1	22.6
889½	600	Energy Group	852	-3	3.1	17.1
400	298½	National Grid▼	391½	+2½	3.9	19.4
700	518½	National Power†	586	+11	5.8	12.2
900	725	PowerGen†	782½	+9½	4.8	11.8
597	502½	Hydro-Elec	675	-7	4.0	13.2
599	475	Scottish Power†	573	+6	4.5	13.9
580	467	Southern Elec	548	+5	5.6	13.5
615	532	Viridian	583½	+1	5.1	12.9

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
990	715	ARM Holdings	780	+15		
364½	304½	Acal	351½		3.6	11.4
1257½	690	Admiral	1225	-2½	0.3	..
58½	27½	Amstrad	48½		1.3	
35	26½	Arlen†	33	+½	4.9	10.9
129½	93½	Astect	94		2.1	10.0
70½	43½	Aztan	68½	+6		
182½	127½	BICC†	159½	+2	6.3	
93½	51½	Beales Hunter	85½		14.9	8.3
437½	260	Bede	418½		4.4	13.5
604½	345½	Bowthorpe†	603½	+9½	2.3	23.0
18	12	Bcsgn Al	16½		9.5	9.6
205½	150½	CML Micro	180		4.2	21.5
27½	10	Channel Hldgs	13½		10.8	4.1
51	38½	Chloride	49	-½	1.8	11.8
109½	64½	Chymine	102½		4.4	11.3
897½	722½	Critchley	897½		1.8	24.0
342½	213½	Delta†	338½	-1½	4.7	13.3
451	382	Domino	449		3.4	15.7
77½	51	Dowding Mills	66½		6.0	12.8
320	240	Druck	306	-1½	0.7	33.0
1260	825	Electrolux 'B'	1200	-37½	8.2	30.6
28	17	Emess	27½		2.7	19.8
1790½	1085½	Ericsson 'B'	1771½	+68½	0.8	36.9
491½	311	Eurotherm	445	-13½	2.8	19.6
590	411	Farey Group†	426½	+15½	2.8	12.2
597½	403½	Filtronic	417½	-7½	0.5	28.9
18½	7½	Forward Tech	13½	+½	2.3	
550	338	GEC	520	+12½	3.2	24.0
42	35½	Int Control	46		1.4	
22	15	Intelek	17		7.2	
74½	54½	LPA	73½		3.8	27.1
1004½	445	Mitel	878½	+7½		
180½	117½	Network Tech†	164½		1.0	18.5
352½	255	Oxford Inst	352½	+7½	2.9	
111	23½	Pace Micro	83½	+3½	3.0	
6271½	3450	Philips Lmp nv	5565½	-62½	0.9	
88½	38½	Plasmon	75½	+2		
356	272½	Pressac	315	-½	1.8	23.0
60½	27	Prestwick	34½		4.0	9.7
462½	211	Psion	218½	-½	1.4	21.2
395½	243½	Racal Elect	395	+1	1.9	74.4
90½	51½	Radamec†	75	-1½	5.2	16.5
505	335	Renishaw	480	-5½	2.4	28.1
1½	1½	Rodime	1½			
292½	191½	Roxboro	280		3.3	14.5
361½	202½	SDX Bus Sys	328½	-3	0.9	39.3
377½	244	Servomex	312½		3.8	15.4
59½	36½	Sivermines†	55½	-1½	3.3	12.6
5012½	4128½	TDK†	4990½	-43½	0.6	
72½	59	TGI	60½	+½	7.3	6.3
125	88½	TLG	120	+1	3.9	
62	7	Tadpole Tech	19½	+½		
66½	38½	Telemetrix	65	-½	3.1	15.7
365	230	Telspec	330	-2½		39.2
159½	127½	Thorpe FW	155	-1	3.7	8.4
159½	70½	Total Systems	148		1.2	32.0
160	100	Tunstall†	159		4.1	21.0
18	7	Ultima Networks	11		9.9	
111	66½	Venty	103½	-½	0.1	
195½	84½	Vero	188½		3.8	16.9
40½	26½	Vighen Technology	27½	..	1.8	
587½	460	Volex	586		4.6	16.0

ENGINEERING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312½	217½	AIM	302½	+10	3.1	14.3
44	28½	ASW	39			
355	145	Alumasc	220		4.8	10.0
210½	129½	Alvis†	209½	-½	2.1	14.8
176½	159½	Ash & Lacy	174½		5.5	8.3
125	70	Avisme Metal	70		9.8	4.5
535½	345½	BBA	497½	-17½	1.6	20.4
230½	154½	BTR▼	198	+3½	4.8	13.0
97½	68½	BWI	90½		4.4	10.2
92½	61	Babcock	83½	-2	1.9	
13	6½	Bailey (CH)	10½	-½	3.0	
110½	77	Barnes (Charles)	102		3.9	14.5
27½	10	Beaufort	11		9.1	5.8
261½	181½	Bensford	254	-2	3.0	11.5
109	84	Bersdo Cv Un Ln	106½	-½	4.7	
1285	867½	Bodycote†	1242½	-22½	1.0	28.5
44½	35½	Booth Inds	41			
20½	15½	Bracway	16½	-½	6.8	7.5
141	100	Bridport	115½		5.1	13.0
555	381½	Br Aerospace	524½	+½	1.2	22.6
172	122½	Br Steel	149½	-1½	8.4	13.7
159½	133½	Brooks Indr	133½	-5½	4.9	7.1
16½	9½	Brunel	11		5.7	5.1
103	92½	Bullough	102½		7.1	10.6
36	25½	Carbo	34½		4.0	67.6
217½	150	Cacto Eng	165½		7.2	11.1
233½	181½	Castings	226½	-2	3.3	
272½	190	Chamberlin Hill	232½		6.8	
780	570	Charter	692½	-6	4.5	22.6
172½	110½	Chemring	163½		3.3	
275	160	Clyde Blowers	160	-1	5.5	24.9
1247½	732½	Cobham†	1186	+25	1.4	31.0
430	340	Cohen (A)	345			
150½	105½	Concentric†	147		6.3	26.7
268½	184½	Dand Brown	267½		4.4	15.5
511	282½	BS	506		3.5	17.7
32½	16	Fleco	30½			
112½	72½	Elliott (B)	110		3.6	14.6
47	27	Energy Tech	45		4.2	42.6
161½	124½	Expamet	161		3.0	15.5
228½	147½	FKI	196	-3	3.4	17.7
216	167½	Fenner	192½		2.8	14.6
3	1½	Ferrum	2½			
40	29	Firth Hldgs	33½	-1½	0.9	25.4
177½	128½	Firth Rixson	167		2.1	20.4
45½	17½	Flare	17½		7.1	15
115	91½	GB Ing	114	-½	4.9	11.6
206½	148½	Garton Engt	204		4.9	7.2
331½	216½	Glynwed†	283½	-15	5.8	11.4
159½	92½	Haden Macle	152	-1	2.6	15.5
255	185	Hadleigh	243½		3.6	11.5
257	160	Hall Eng	177½		5.9	7.1
140½	94½	Halma	137	+1½	2.5	17.3
83½	64½	Hampson Ind	77		4.1	16.7
85½	32½	Hay (Norman)	82		2.0	17.3
63½	32½	Headway	58½		5.4	7.8
71½	27	Hill & Smith	67½		7.8	17.0
112½	65½	How Grp	111		3.1	16.0
273	210½	Hunting†	267½		3.7	14.3
532	378	IMI	474½	-24½	3.0	15.5
582	487½	Johnson Matth	502½	-11	2.7	14.4
28½	22½	Jones Shipman	22½		8.3	9.3
435	385	Kelsey Ind	432½		8.6	6.8
418	299½	Lincat	380		3.6	12.0
32½	23½	Locker (T)	26		4.9	
20½	16½	MS Int	19½		3.8	
506½	403½	Marg Bonar	506½	-4½	2.5	21.0
589½	377½	McKechnie†	541½	-11	4.0	14.2
179½	155½	McLeod Russel	175½		5.1	12.1
242½	154½	Meggitt	233½	-2½	2.5	25.1
115	82½	Metalrax	106½	-½	4.9	14.5
14½	11½	MetalTech	14			
255½	142½	Metsec†	255½		2.4	14.2
357½	237½	Molins	250	-4	7.5	
501½	382½	Morgan Cble†	443	-4	4.4	14.1
57½	41½	Polymetrol	50½		9.3	11
60½	57½	Powerscreen	58½	+1	22.4	1.5
230½	155½	Quadrantinct	217½		6.0	11.4
50	20	Quadrant Grp	34½			
60	50	Radiant Metal	55			
290½	220½	Renold	277½		3.0	11.2
87½	73	Richardson West	85½		6.6	7.6
309	188	Rolls-Royce†	285½	-1½	2.6	21.6
387	269	Rotork	375		3.1	23.8
246½	140	Rubicon	220½	-3	3.5	15.8
1425	1153½	SKF 'B'	1292½	+12½	3.2	12.1
248	139½	Senior Eng	239	-6½	1.8	22.1
612½	461½	Svlld-Rm	550	-12½	2.3	17.0
1580	975	Siebe	1340	-2½	1.2	25.0
148½	114½	Sm Hundred	147	-½	4.3	10.4
1020	702	Smiths Inds†	958	-4	2.4	21.5
18½	9	Solvera	13½	-½	2.7	
706	542½	Spirax-Sarco	629	-2	3.0	16.4
328½	262½	Storing Ind	327		3.9	11.9
660	424	TI	576	-2	2.8	18.0
113½	89½	Tinsley (E)	103½		7.5	9.5
87½	64½	Transtec	76½	..	4.4	10.9
425	347½	Ultra Elect	421	+1	2.1	30.6
76½	55½	Unit Indst	66½		4.9	9.6
252½	198	Vickers	248		3.6	15.4
11	7½	Villiers Grp	10			
760	584	Vitec†	753½		2.3	14.1
900	740	Vosper Thorny	854	+1	4.3	12.3
402	380	Wagon Ind	395	-6	3.8	17.6
314½	222½	Weir†	270½	-6	4.2	12.6
185½	137½	Wellington Hdg	185½		5.6	12.5
89½	55	Wescol	74½	-½	2.7	16.5
915	750	Whatman	907½		2.1	23.8
59½	42½	Wnory	56		8.0	6.1

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	123	Adwest	153½		5.1	12.0
223	150	Airflow Streaml	206½	-1	4.8	
701	617	Avon Rubber†	685	-1½	3.2	13.6
345	300	Bostrom†	307½		3.3	11.0
193½	114½	Britax	193½	+½	2.0	21.1
388½	251½	Dennis	388½	+2½	3.2	16.3
411½	277½	First Tech	410	+1½	1.2	28.7
930	526½	GKN	873	-28	1.7	22.3
4671½	3418½	General Mtr	4584½	+16½	2.7	
607	414½	Hoteys	604	-2	3.4	15.3
2326½	1991½	Honda Motor†	2045½	-16	0.4	
480	384½	Laird	422	-4	3.4	11.2
289	194	LucasVarity†	262½	-7½	2.1	15.1
244½	158½	Mayflower	236	-8	1.5	23.1
136	95½	Syltone	126		6.4	10.4
361	252½	T & N	258		4.4	15.0
31½	22½	Toad	25			
51½	36½	Wilshaw	49½	+4	2.2	13.3

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
670	526	AB Food	589½	+26½	2.1	18.3
270	215	Acatos & Hutch	237		6.5	25.0
37	24½	Albert Fisher†	26½	-½	15.9	10.3
285	193	Banks (S C)	194		7.4	7.0
507	417	Barr (AG)†	507	+2	4.1	
45	34	Benson Crsp	41		4.8	8.8
360	209	Booker†	269		11.2	11.9
987½	571½	Brake Brost	987½	+10	1.4	27.0
120	85	CPL Aromas	115		5.2	33.1
991	600	Cadbury-Schwt	981½	+31½	1.8	26.4
262	135	Carrs Milling	136½		10.5	6.7
344½	234½	Cranswick	344½	+2	4.3	
369½	253	Dairy Crest Group	357½	+8	3.9	13.6
416	273½	Dalgety	411	+7½	2.9	
67	37½	Daniels St	60		1.0	19.7
545½	375	Devro	502½	+11	2.4	21.4
188½	149½	Express Dairies	177	+11	5.6	14.6
142½	99	Finlay (James)†	137½		3.0	14.9
611	404	Geest†	604		2.1	24.3
15½	8½	Global	12½		7.1	15.7
380	285	Greencore	325		2.7	17.7
224½	164½	Hazlewood Fds	223½	+2	4.0	16.1
214½	142	Hillsdown†	180	-1	6.6	11.3
415	392	Linton Park†	412½	+1½	6.7	7.2
113½	86	Matthews (B)	112½	+1½	4.8	17.2
272½	205½	Nichols (V)	219½		4.5	11.5
240	182	Nthn Foods	235	+6	5.2	13.5
20	14½	Nrewin Fn	14½		1.7	7.5
127½	89½	Paramount Foods	126½		5.1	14.5
57	28½	Pascoe's	36			
163½	82½	Perkins Food	143½	+5½	4.0	18.5
83½	69½	Plant & Gen	71½			
92	60	Sentry Farm	77	-3	4.9	
37½	19½	Sims Food	36½	+1		
583	440½	Tate & Lyle†	500	+6	3.4	11.2
167	111½	Treat	157½		4.9	12.1
702½	591½	Unigate	658½	+2	3.9	15.9
702½	346½	Unilever†	697	+3	1.5	32.7
5053½	3500	Unilever (NV)	5053½	+28½	1.4	13.6
300	216½	Utd Biscuits†	272	+8	4.8	19.3
62½	44½	WT Foods	55½	+2½	3.4	21.3

HEALTHCARE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
511	318½	Alliance UniChem†	495½	-8	2.4	21.9
167	135	Assoc Nursg	165		2.9	26.0
970½	683	Bespak	970½		1.6	27.8
525	115	Biocomps Intl	141	+1		
201½	144	Care UK†	201½	+1½	0.8	21.7
88½	28½	Celsis	46	-1		
560½	380½	Community H	546½	-2	2.7	19.9
33½	26½	CrestaCare	33½		3.8	15.7
21½	7½	Enviromed	17½			
164½	122½	Ferraris Group	140		3.1	12.1
170½	144½	Gyms	170			
233	141	Hurtigh Tect	207½	-1	1.9	24.3
138½	91½	Innovative Tech	100	-3½		
95	68	Intercare Grp†	85½		5.0	47.3
593	495	Isotron	591½		1.4	21.2
222	150	London Intl	221	-½	1.5	
354½	190½	Nestor Hlth	354½		1.4	37.8
2750	1733	Nycomed Amsh	1990	+50	1.2	22.1
5½	5½	Premier Health#	5½			
11	6½	Regina	9½			
508½	256½	Scholl	506½		2.1	27.9
820	501½	Seton Healthcare†	810		1.5	
610	507½	Shield Diag	555	-2½		
230	171½	Sinclair Mont	188½		0.1	67.1
194	150	Smith & Nephew	174	+1½	3.6	16.1
2½	1½	Tamaris	2		5.1	13.8
412½	295	West Hithcare	298½	+1	2.9	13.6

HOUSEHOLD GDS & TEXT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
177½	132½	Airsprung	161	-½	5.9	
196	165½	Alba	195		3.9	11.1
85	55	Albion	75		5.5	7.8
166½	120½	Alexandra Wr	161½		5.4	12.9
187½	124	Allied Textile	140		7.5	9.2
32½	13½	Armour	22		4.2	54.7
205	157	BLP Group	165		5.7	6.0
285½	206	Baird (Wm)	243½		5.4	12.2
53½	48½	Bilston Batteram	48½		1.9	
129½	97½	Black Arrow	123½	-4	4.4	10.2
421½	384½	Black (Peter)	386		2.1	18.0
94½	76	Breitan Mofsd	88½	-1	5.6	76.3
88½	47½	Claremont Garments	48½		12.9	
100	81½	Coats Viyella†	89	-2	5.3	32.1
182½	146	Cornwell Prn 5p	151½		2.7	12.1
368	286½	Courtaulds Tex	295	+7	6.5	11.2
33½	24½	Coupton	24½			
13½	6½	Dalwin	6½		13.8	
88½	40	Dawson	53½		8.4	7.8
167½	126	Denby Group	151	-8½	3.8	11.2
267½	225½	Dewhirst	259½		2.8	14.5
27½	17	Dobie Heel	21½		9.3	7.8
27	11½	Drummond Group	18½		3.4	4.9
127½	104½	Eclipse Blinds	122½		3.7	10.7
42	29	Elbad	34½		4.3	7.2
131½	88	Fii Group	89		5.6	6.8
34	24	Faupel Trading	27		10.1	5.5
10½	3½	Foster (J)	5½			
44½	35½	French	35½		5.5	
502½	341½	Gaskell†	413	-½	2.6	8.0
78½	60	Haggas (J)	74½		7.6	14.5
11½	8½	Hartstone Group	11½		6.3	30.0
267½	216½	Hacing Pentecost	230		4.2	12.9
4	2½	Hollas Group#	2½			
18½	10½	Honeysuckle Grp#	14			
102	62½	Horace Small	94			
405	260	IVP	390		1.6	17.4
25½	9½	Jacques Vert	11			
52½	37½	Jerome Grp	44		9.6	15.8
330	285	Jones Stroud	296½	-1½	4.7	12.6
72½	47½	Jourdan (T)	68½	+1	2.7	
134	80	Kewood App	108½			
245	200	Lambert Howarth	225		4.7	9.9
152	133	Lamont Hldgs	133	-2	12.9	9.7
123	82	Leeds Group	83½	-8	10.5	5.3
17	8½	Leslie Wise	15		13.5	6.4
16	12½	Lionheart	14½		3.4	11.7
90	68	Lyles (S)	82		3.9	8.2
210	173	McBride	185	-½	4.8	13.5
123½	103½	Mayborn	114½	+1	8.7	8.1
595	550	Osborne & Little	575		4.6	11.4
4½	2½	PEX Group	3½			
126	49½	Parkland Group	49½		10.6	
475	435	Paterson Zch	462		4.7	10.2
425	375	Paterson Zch 'A'	416½		5.3	9.3
129	109½	Pentland Group†	122	-½	3.8	17.4
220	185	Pifco	212		3.8	10.8
203	185	Pifco A Vtg	196		4.1	9.9
60½	37½	Pittards	43½		10.1	9.6
44	38	Readicut Ind	43½		7.4	12.7
1300	852	Reckitt Colman†	1185	-6	2.0	21.9
620	430½	Relyon	610		3.0	19.7
36	17½	Richards	17½		10.4	
223	174½	Royal Doulton†	222½	-2	5.6	24.0
32½	20½	SEET	29½			
45½	28½	Sherwood Group	39½	-½	11.4	10.6
110½	89½	Shiloh	93½		5.7	11.3
285	260	Silentnight	273½		5.3	11.2
70½	52½	Sirdar	64		10.8	8.1
53	37½	Stirling Group	47		8.0	11.5
18½	6	Stoddard	9½	-½	11.4	18.1
252½	130	Stoves	139		5.4	9.1
278½	211½	Swallowfield	215	-½	4.1	10.2
206½	155	Tomkinsons†	175		8.2	8.8
142	134	Usher (F)	136½		10.1	7.0
90	60	Victoria	73½	-1½	6.2	
150	117½	Vymura	142½		4.7	10.1
69	40	Walker Greenbk	67½	-1½	7.1	10.4
105½	80	Wilford Wagon	97½		1.7	27.5
97½	59½	Wensum	57½		1.1	7.4
135	195	Wood (Arthur)	195		4.5	12.9
140	83½	Yorklyde	105		6.1	16.2

INSURANCE

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4240½	3250	Aeg Gen	4159½	+66½	2.2	
146	108	Angerstein	145		9.1	11.2
4043½	3309½	Aon Corpn	3665½	-16½	1.8	
65½	53½	Bradstock	60½		11.9	8.1
1364	1102½	Britannic	1256	-5	3.3	8.5
1300	707	CGU	1105	-30	2.9	22.3
167	129	CLM Insce	166	-½	8.3	13.0
277½	262½	Charles Taylor	277½		2.1	31.8
529½	237½	Cox Insce	525½		1.0	
555	495	Dom & Gen	547½	-2½	2.3	20.1
159	112	Euclidian	136½		12.7	16.9
491½	303	FBD E	469½	-7½	3.0	17.9
495	225	GRE	389	-21	3.1	5.7
748½	441½	Hibernian	678½	-5½	1.5	13.3
361	165	Hiscox	312½	-1½	1.6	31.3
397½	225	Independent	382½	-1½	1.1	19.1
602½	342½	Irish Life	514½	-8	2.6	15.1
193½	151½	Jardine Lyd Th	186½		6.7	12.5
187	107	Kiln Capital	182½		1.9	61.9
120½	100½	Lambert Fen	115		9.9	8.2
785	532	Legal & Gen	677	-1	2.3	17.2
2278½	1421½	Liberty Life	1618½	-31½	2.4	15.5
244	145	Limit	230½		3.4	14.0
627½	499½	London & Mcsr	533½	-1	5.5	21.9
5946½	4321½	Marsh McLen	5338½	+153½	2.3	
130	100	Muscrac	126½	-½	4.3	
87	78	New London Cap	87½		9.3	11.8
568	385	Norwich Union	457	+4½	5.3	18.1
155½	102½	Ockham†	146½		3.8	17.0
110½	81½	Oriel	92½		7.8	54.7
138	117	Premera Trust	136		3.6	28.0
1000	720	Prudential†	825	+30	2.3	19.5
24½	17½	PWS	22		4.3	4.9
825	590	Royal & Sun All†	674	+33	3.4	17.9
383	167½	St James Place	345	-½	0.5	40.5
169½	132	Sedgwick	141½	-5½	4.9	12.6
29	22½	Steel Burrill	23½		8.0	
645	434½	Sun Life & Pr†	565	-7½	2.6	27.0
160	110	Syndicate Cap#	160		7.2	12.6
631	521½	Utd Assurance	628½	-½	4.2	14.8
280½	147½	Wellington†	250	+5½	3.6	10.5
173½	128½	Willis Corroon†	154½		5.5	13.0
16	11½	Windsor	14½		5.2	
185	146½	Wren	179	-2	9.1	14.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
675	480	3i	671½	+19½	1.9	38.8
65	51½	Aberdeen Emg Ec	56½	+½		
137½	96½	Aberdeen High Inc	136½	-½	7.1	20.3
133	84	Aberdn New Dawn	96½	-½	2.1	39.0
257	206½	Aberforth Smlr	251	-1	3.5	28.0
159½	116	Aberforth Sm Wts	156			
3086	2466	Alliance	3030	+13½	2.4	46.5
715½	584	Anglo & O'seas	715	+6	1.8	64.3
74½	55	Aust Opps	65		0.5	..
67	50½	Baillie Gifford SN	52½	-		
299	239½	Bankers	292½	+2½	2.4	47.7
118	85½	Baring Em Eu	104½	+2		
612½	468½	Baring Tribune	609½		1.7	67.4
142½	114½	Br Assets†	139½	+½	4.4	26.0
122½	106	Br Empire Sect	120½		1.1	65.3
61½	49½	Brazilian†	49½	+½		
375½	313	Brunner	366½	-½	2.2	57.5
110	74½	Cairngorm Dem	86	-½	1.3	
1000	737½	Candover	952½		2.6	38.1
68½	53½	Central Euro Gwth	56½	+½		
523	364	Chart European	511½	+7	1.5	
198	168	City Merch HY†	194		6.0	15.9
281	230	City Of Lon	274½	+2	3.0	38.0
394	234	Cont Assets#	380½		0.6	
77½	74½	Danae Inv Inc	75½		13.7	9.7
635	530	Derby Cap	617	+½	18.3	41
139½	127½	Derby Inc	133	..	1.4	
240½	170½	Dres RCM Smlr	239½		1.4	
220½	174½	Dunedin Inc G	209½	+2½	3.6	33.1
463	335½	Dunedin Smlr	462½	+1½	2.9	39.0
227	170	Dunedin Wrldw	224½	+1½	1.1	
60½	43	Edin Dragon	45½			
29½	24	Edinburgh Inca	24½			
519	413½	Edinburgh IT†	498	+3½	2.9	34.4
105	81½	Edin Japan	84½	-½		
530	424½	Edin US Tst	516½	+9½	0.9	
669	527	Electra Inv	669	+2	1.8	47.2
189½	157	Eng & Scot	185	+½	2.3	40.1
29½	24½	Ent Cap	25½			
597	374	European Asset	592½	+8	0.8	
70½	47	Fidelity Asian Val	48½			
398	277½	Fidelity Euro Val	366½	+4	0.2	
32½	25	Fidelity Jap Val	27½	-½		
174½	135½	Fidelity Spec Val	174	+1	0.9	
271½	217½	Finsbury 'A'	271½	+3	1.8	74.0
223	173	Finsbury Gwth	216	+½	2.1	60.5
155½	123½	Five Arr Cnlet	126½	+1	1.9	57.5
18½	1½	Five Arr Wts	2½			
647½	513½	Fleming Amer	623½	+7	0.4	
64	43½	Fleming Asian	43½	-½		
12½	6½	Fleming Asian Wts	7½			
64½	40½	Fleming Chinese	41½			
27½	14	Fleming Ch Wts	15½	-½		
507½	401½	Fleming Claver	483	+1½	1.8	67.0
699½	471	Fleming Cont	656	+5½	0.5	
134	100½	Fleming Em Mkt	114½	+1½	0.4	
382½	271	Fleming Entp	380	+4½	1.7	56.6
411	307	Flem Gro Eth Dny	400½	+½	0.9	
162½	143½	Flem Gtd Eth Pn	159½		10.2	
132½	103	Fleming Inc Cap	126	+½	5.7	23.9
112½	105½	Fleming Inc Inct	107½	+½	11.5	9.9
350½	246½	Fleming Ing Cap	338½	+2½		
50½	39½	Fleming Indian	43	-½		
12½	5	Fleming In Wts	6½			
167½	131	Fleming Japan	131½	+½		
478	364½	Fleming Merc	465½	+2½	2.8	42.0
92	70½	Fleming Nat Res	82½		0.3	
433½	350½	Fleming Oseas	423	+3½	1.4	
200½	148½	Fleming Smlr Co	199		2.8	57.8
506½	371½	Fleming US Disc	485½	-1	0.3	
210½	168	Foreign & Col	204½	+1½	1.4	71.5
124½	97	F&C Inc Gwth	120½	+½	3.8	31.0
107½	77½	F&C Eng Mkts	82½	+1½		
301	185	F&C Enterprise	298	+½	1.6	64.5
536½	361½	F&C Eurotst	527	+8	0.6	
131	99½	F&C Pacific	105½	+½	2.2	54.9
181½	144½	F&C PEP†	181	+½	3.1	39.5
220	177	F&C Smaller	217½	+1½	1.6	63.7
179½	144½	F&C US Smlr	166½	+2½		
68½	60½	Framlin Inc	68		9.5	
173½	109½	Framlin Cap	167½	+3		
295	133½	Framl Dual Cp	286½	+1½		
63½	38½	Fulcrum Cap	62½			
32½	15½	Fulcrum Inc	19½		64.6	
195	188	Fulcrum Zero	194½	+½		
335	270½	Gartmore Brit	334		3.4	
347½	242½	Gartmore Euro	334½	+3½	0.5	
158	110	Gartmore Shrd	157½		8.0	
475	345½	G'more Smlr Cos	474½	+2½	1.5	70.1
86½	52½	Geared Inc Ord	82½	-½	6.7	
59½	51½	Geared Inc Inc	59		9.4	
108	101	Geared Inc 0 Pf	108			
103	59½	Gov Asn Sm Cos	77	-4½	0.9	
92½	70½	Gov Eng Mks	75½	+½	0.6	
215	151½	Govett Am Smlr	203	+2½		
97½	81½	Govett High Inc	93	+½	7.5	16.0
108½	80½	Govett Oriental	84½		1.0	
499	379½	Govett Strategict	486½	+3	2.0	46.0
35½	19½	Gresham House†	35½		1.4	2.6
146½	119	GT Inc Growth†	143	+½	3.0	31.5
180½	134½	GT Japan	140½	+1½	0.4	
156½	114½	Gen Fi Er Inc	155½		6.8	
76	61	Henderson Am Cp	73½	+½		
139½	115½	Henderson Am Inc	120½		8.1	13.3
43½	29	Henderson Am Wt	40½			
359	281½	Hend Elec Gen	355	+1	1.4	
132½	98	Hend Far East†	98½		8.6	14.1
580	452	Hend Greinst	570		1.7	71.5
172	151½	Hend High Inct	170	+1½	5.0	23.2
42½	30½	Hend Jap Smlr	35			
296½	219	Hend Smlr	296½	+1	1.7	71.4
626½	495	Hend Strata	618		0.1	
69½	49	Hend TR Pac	49½	+½	0.6	72.3
120½	88½	Hend Tech	113½	-½		
303	135½	Herald	198½	+1	0.5	
130	105½	High Income T	127½	-½	6.7	16.0
174	140	H Govett Smlr	173½		2.7	61.4
195½	139½	I&S UK Smlr	194½		1.9	65.6
214½	180	Inv Capt	207½	+½	3.5	31.3
97	64	Int Biotech	65	+½		
20	2½	Int Biotec Wts	3½			
59½	38	INVESCO Asia	40½	-½	2.0	50.0
217½	175½	INVESCO Eng Inc	210	-½	0.8	
36½	25½	INVESCO Jap Dis	28½			
49½	29½	INVESCO Korea	30½	+½		
33½	23½	INVESCO Tokyo	24½			
107½	83½	JF Fleg Jap	90½			
204½	135	J Fry Euro U	197	+1	3.6	
122½	65½	J Fry Util▼	122	+1	5.8	14.5
90½	79½	J Fry Util Inc	90		7.8	65.3
150	121½	Jupiter Er Inct	147½	+½	6.7	18.7
43½	19½	Jupiter Er IncWt	41½	-½		
105	91	Jupiter Grd Cap	102		9.8	12.6
51½	44	Jupiter Grd Pd	51	+½		..
157½	135½	Jupiter Intl Gm	155½		3.3	
872½	518	Jupiter Prime	842½		0.9	
104	73½	Kiwi E Mkt	87	+1½		
178½	164½	Klmn End	178½	+½		
156	118	Klmn H Inc	151½	-½	8.5	14.9
201½	89	Korea—Euro	148½	+½	0.8	67.4
132	103½	Latin American	107½	+2½		
1289	1077½	Law Debenture	1264	+9½	2.8	35.1
120	111½	Lile Oil Opp	118½	+1		
160½	124½	Lloyds Sm Cap	160½			
22	16½	Lloyds Sm Dw	18½	..	29.0	4.3
177	143	Lloyds Sm Pkg	176		3.1	
217½	173½	Lon St Lawrence	213½		3.8	39.1
419½	341½	Lowland†	419½	+7	3.5	35.9
812½	797½	M&G 2nd Dual Cp#	800	...		
51½	50	M&G 2nd Dual In#	50			1.6
101	75½	M&G Inc Geared†	100		7.6	17.9
78	54	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	77½			
28½	22½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	22½			3.8
183½	150½	M&G Inc Packaged†	181½		4.2	32.5
80½	77½	M&G Inc Zero Div	80½			
70½	31	M&G Rec Cap	69½			
95½	53½	M&G Rec Geared†	93½		7.9	
28	22½	M&G Rec Inct	22½			
206	160	M&G Rec Pacpet	201½		3.7	
114½	108½	M&G Rec Zero Div	114½			
226½	160½	M Currie Euro	219½	+5	0.5	
84½	64½	M Currie Japan	66½			
125½	96½	M Currie Pact	99	+½	2.4	39.7
359½	292½	Majedie	359½	+1	2.5	54.1
434	365	Merchants	428½	+5	4.2	28.6
178	132	Mercury Euro Pvt	171½	+2½	1.9	40.9
97½	50½	Mercury Eur Wt	95½	+½		
74½	57½	Mercury Wrld	66½		1.5	71.7
825	677½	Monks Inv Tst	814½	+4½	1.5	66.0
209½	180	Morg Gren Inct	200	+1	4.4	38.0
106½	80½	Morg Wts	102½			
82	63	Morg Lat Amert	68½	+½	0.7	
32½	21	Morg Wts	22½	+½		
142½	110½	Murray Entt	140		2.8	48.0
26½	10	Murray Ent Wts	26			
71	53½	Murray Emg Eco	58	+1	1.2	71.5
17½	7	Murray Em E Wt	7½			
536½	448	Murray Income	527½	+2½	3.5	27.8
505	437½	Murray Intl	487½	+2½	3.6	32.3
212½	205½	Murray S/C DP	212½			
395	270	Murray S/C Cap	379½	+3½		
64½	54½	Murray S/C Inct	55		28.0	4.4
5150	4350	Murray S/C Ubst	5100		3.0	40.6
434½	340	Murray Small	396	+2	1.9	51.0
406½	379½	Murray Vent	396	+½	4.8	23.9
289½	271½	Natwest Ent	288½		2.2	44.5
5½	2½	Newmarket	2½			
56½	34½	Pacific Assets	39½	+½	1.3	
135½	83	Perpetual Euro	128½	+1½	0.4	
156½	125	Perp Inc Grt	141	+1½	3.6	
37	27½	Perpetual Jap	29½			
420½	322½	Perpt UK Sm Co	420½		2.1	53.7
£200½	£168	Personal Assets	£199		1.5	
155	130½	Prolific Inc	155	+2	3.5	33.3
369½	270	RIT Cap Ptnr	363½	+½	0.7	
558½	516½	Robeco	552	-1	2.0	
566	524	Rolinco	559½	-½	0.8	
59½	37½	Schrd Asia Pac	41½	+½	1.5	
73	56	Schrod Emg Cnt	58½	+1		
165½	142	Schrod Inc Gwth	157		3.7	28.2
61½	47½	Schrod Jap Gwth	48½	+½		
282½	152	Schrod Korea	191	+½		
93½	43½	Schrod Split Cap	87½	+½		
135	114½	Schrod Split Inct	129		8.3	15.4
160	154½	Schrod Split Zero	157			
179½	142	Schrod UK Gwth	173½	-½	2.5	47.0
190½	165½	Schrod Vent Intl	189½		1.2	
383	311	Scot	378	+5	2.1	59.8
233	183½	Scot American†	225	-1½	3.0	39.2
144½	91½	Scot Asian	106			
139½	110½	Scot Eastern	138½	+1	1.8	53.9
398½	316½	Scot Mtge†	392	+4	1.7	65.2
105½	100½	Scot Natl Tst	103½		11.8	10.8
148½	119½	Scot Value	148½	+2½	1.7	30.8
2755	2168½	Second Alliance	2711	+12	2.5	50.7
133½	112½	Secs Tst of Scot	126½	+2	3.8	
207	149½	Shires Smlr	201½	-½	3.9	31.8
178½	133½	Smaller Cos	178	+½	2.3	63.7
306	263	St Andrew Inv	294	+½	3.2	38.6
602	484	Temple Bar	589	+4	4.1	29.9
103½	82½	Throgmorton	101½		2.9	44.8
128½	100½	Tplon Emg Mkt	104½	+1½	1.3	61.1
266	167½	TR Euro Growth	258	+5	0.4	
50½	44½	TR Property	49½		2.7	34.9
412½	374	TR Tech Inv	400		11.9	32.0
364	273	Turkey Trust#	336½	+½	1.3	
166½	146½	Undervalued Ast	164½		1.8	
167	152	Value Inc Tst	165	+½	3.7	30.1
137½	102½	Value Real	134½	+½	1.1	
55½	40½	Warrants & Val	55½			
110½	87½	Wigmore†	107		0.8	
396	310½	Witan	385½	+2	2.3	47.6
74½	66½	Yeoman Inc	68½		30.3	4.4



LEISURE & HOTELS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
29½	11	ABI Leis#	13½		15.1	
543½	405½	Airtours	494½	+12	1.7	25.9
33	23½	Aid Leis	32		4.0	10.1
21	16	Arena Leis	20	-½		
157½	115	BS Group†	146½		4.3	
130	110	Baldwin	125		4.0	10.2
120	82	Bluebird Toys	114½		10.4	10.5
800	625	Bonsey Hwkst	630		2.0	25.1
35½	27½	Burndene	34	-½	7.5	8.7
159½	95	Capital Corpn	96½		6.6	8.4
104½	55	Cwedon	91½	+1½	2.7	20.8
109½	70½	Clubhaus	93			34.7
305	215	EMC	216	-4½	0.3	
318	223	Eurocamp	301½		4.9	10.5
105	67	Euro Disney	102½			
146½	120½	Euro Leisure	146½		3.6	9.3
173½	100	First Choice	158	+6½	2.2	55.0
407½	269½	First Leisure	407	+1½	2.8	23.2
159½	110½	Friendly Hotels†	152½	-1	4.8	13.1
1200	837	Granada	1199	+29	1.5	24.6
51½	36½	Hi-Tec Sports	47½		5.3	9.2
289	207½	Holmes Place	265½		1.4	31.8
282½	165½	Hornby	227½		3.6	11.1
370	309	Hozelock	369	+1½	3.9	20.9
183½	148	Jarvis Hotels	176½	+4	3.2	11.3
569½	351½	Jurys Hotel	538½	-3	1.5	25.8
37½	34½	Kunick	37½		3.8	16.8
370	250	Ladbroke	331	+½	2.7	24.2
328½	163½	London Clubs	185½		5.6	13.4
242½	182½	Macdonald Hts	232½		2.5	17.4
161½	123½	Man Utd	150½		1.3	24.2
59½	34½	Mandarin Ornt	47½	+½	5.1	
620½	418½	Millennium & Cop	594½		1.8	23.0
1½	0½	Millwall Hldgs	1			
102½	75	Newcastle Utd	75	-4½	2.7	8.1
600	400½	Northern	485½	-24	2.1	28.5
76½	52½	Prism Leisure	65		13.2	4.4
27	19½	Queensborough	24		2.1	9.3
37½	12½	Queens Moat	35½	-½		7.7
421	282½	Rank Grp	361½	+5½	6.2	14.0
49	38½	Regal Hotel	42	+1	3.7	
84½	50½	Ryan Hotels Et	79½		3.0	
1900	1175	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1575		1.7	25.8
51½	27½	Sheffield United	29	+½		
252½	232½	Sinclair (Wm)	241½		4.7	11.7
92½	63½	Southampton	77	-1	1.6	
143½	91	Stakis	132½	-2½	2.6	17.4
285½	250½	Stanley Leisure	235½		1.9	20.3
10	4	Tandem	7½	-½		
346	346	Tanjong#	346		1.3	
204½	157	Thistle Hotels	193		2.7	15.8
200	176	Thomson Travel	189½	-2	1.6	23.1
76½	59½	Tottenham Hot	67½		1.9	17.4
207½	135½	Vardon	202½		1.5	24.5
412½	302½	Wembley	412½	+1	0.9	10.3
162½	120	Zetters Gp	143½		9.1	9.4

MEDIA

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
435	324	Abbot Mead†	435	-8	1.9	
179½	145½	Adscene	172½		6.2	18.0
100½	64½	Aegis Gp	96½	-1½	0.7	26.4
154	70	Aspen Grp	91½	-2½	3.4	
195	152½	Atlantic Telecom	165			
79½	50½	BBB Design#	79½			
230	185	Barbour Index	229	-1½	5.5	26.2
3½	1½	Birkdale	2½			
400	328	Black (A&C)†	390		4.5	15.6
370½	267½	Border TV	355		2.5	27.3
510	410	Bristol	510		4.3	
310½	129½	Britt Allcroft	301½	+8½	0.8	43.4
594	273	BSkyB	445	+9	1.7	28.4
747½	497	Capital Radio†	673½	+3½	2.6	21.1
561	408	Carlton Comm	528	-15	2.7	15.6
374½	145	Chorsce Grp	371½	-20	1.6	15.4
63	48	Chime Commsr	62½		3.8	17.1
777½	602½	Chrysalis	773½		0.2	
92½	77	Cav of Lon	87½		9.3	
102½	83½	Copyright Proms	100	-½		50.8
137	88	Cordiant Comms	131	-½	0.9	
184	143½	Creative Pub	182	-1	1.9	
3184½	2084½	Daily Mail	3109½	-28½	1.0	29.5
3250	2000	Daily Mail 'A'	3075	-25	1.0	29.2
206½	129½	Dialog	152½			
267	203	Dorling Kind	256½		2.2	70.9
450	265½	Dudley Jenkins	412½		1.6	29.5
1294	905	EMAP	1255		1.5	32.2
685	420	EMI	532	-19	3.1	26.4
1117½	901½	Elsevier	942½	-1½	2.7	29.9
2350	1495	Euromoney Pbt	2550	-12½	2.8	33.7
69	50½	Fitch	62	-½	1.1	12.2
565	468	Flextech	532½	-1½		
232½	155½	GWR Gp	231½		1.5	43.8
395	222½	Gearhouse Group	225		4.0	11.3
55½	34½	Goodhead	38½	-1½	7.3	19.9
525	290	HIT Entert	515		0.3	65.1
297½	262½	Haynes Pub	282½		5.0	11.8
14½	9½	Highbury Hse	12½			
280	204	Hodder Hline	276½		3.3	17.6
580	400	Home Counties	560		1.3	34.9
535	365	IBC	535		2.5	17.6
93½	70½	ITE Group	87	-2		
30½	16½	Inceptor	28			
397½	327½	Independent	373½	-2	1.6	12.4
56½	40½	Int Public Rel	52½	-1½	3.9	11.0
162	122	Interoroup	123½		4.8	9.0
250	196½	Johnston Press	248½	-1½	1.5	19.4
366½	328	LLP Group	359		1.6	23.3
58½	30	Loper	55		2.3	11.7
472½	305	Maiden	449		1.7	24.7
38½	23½	Mediakey	28		5.4	10.5
1315	940	Mecal Bulleco	1315	-10	2.2	33.1
249	170	Mirror Gp	232½		2.7	17.2
1190	713	More Grp	1101½		1.9	23.5
435½	333	News Corp	357½	-7½	0.3	16.6
377	292½	News Corp Pref	314½	-7½	0.9	
337	252½	Newsquest	336½	+½	2.0	16.9
15½	11½	Osprey Comms	13			
1186	705	Pearson†	1120	-16	2.2	32.1
55½	34½	Phonelink#	47½			
962½	667½	Portsmth Sund	962½		1.9	19.7
115½	51½	Quarto	99½	-1½	5.7	13.6
730	448½	Reed Intl	570	-½	2.5	27.9
749	509½	Reuters	745	-13	2.2	27.8
185	100½	Saatchi†	153½		1.0	
797	651	Scot Med	796½	-1½	2.5	17.7
536	375	Scot Radio†	527½		2.4	13.2
	6½	Sleepy Kids	9		1.2	
550	448	Smurfmews	532		2.3	
25½	17½	Sterling Pub	21			4.7
139½	85½	Taylor Nelson†	139½	-3	0.9	43.4
267	204	Television Co	254½		1.8	18.0
297½	163½	Tempus Gp	255½	+½	1.3	27.6
1920	1549½	Thomson Corp	1733½	-70	2.7	36.3
573	483½	Trinity	556½		3.0	17.7
245	205	Ulster TV	216½	-3	3.3	20.1
950	630	United News†	940	-28	2.6	30.5
115½	74	VCI	91		10.9	6.7
127½	75½	VTR†	117		5.1	8.3
438½	240	WPP	423		0.5	36.6
203½	123½	Wilmington	181½		1.8	32.4

MINING

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3480½	2290½	Ang Am Coal	3196½	-40½	5.2	7.5
3553½	1975	Ang Am	2740½	-69½	3.0	
3268½	2068½	Ang Am Gold	2593½	-25	5.4	
971½	643½	Anglo Am Plat	787½	-16½	3.3	21.5
3382½	2040½	Anglogold	2868½	-46½	7.4	13.6
22½	14½	Anglo Pac Grp	15			
31½	22	Arcon Intl	24			
645½	411½	Ashanti	521	-4	2.3	17.0
66½	37½	Ashton	38½	+1	3.8	
112	47	Avocet	60½			
187½	133½	Billiton	142½	-1	4.3	11.7
34½	31½	Bisichi	32	-½	3.6	10.5
20½	13½	Bougainville	13½	-½		
299½	217	Central Pacific	244½	-2½		
50	21½	Cons Murchison	35½		1.0	
1609½	1062½	De Beers	1213½	-40½	4.6	7.3
426½	337½	Driefontein	386½	-10½	3.2	12.4
225½	88	Durban	163	-3		
92½	57½	E Rand Gold	77½		21.5	4.6
18½	10½	E Rand Prop	14½	+1		24.3
283	128½	Elandsrand	232	-3	7.4	13.4
273½	218½	Eng China Clt	246½	-1	6.6	11.5
168½	92	Evander	125		12.4	
385½	92	FS Cons	321½	-4½	11.7	8.6
71½	17	FS Dev	31½	-4½		
1103½	734½	GFSA	843½	-12½	2.2	17.1
148½	85½	Gencor	108½	-4½	3.6	7.0
145½	98½	Gold Fields Prop	113		6.8	12.2
41	14½	Greenwich R 'A'	29½	-½		
356½	112½	Harmony	287½	-6		8.4
793½	443½	Impala Plat	618½		2.7	12.4
13½	9½	Kanmare Res	10½	-½		
33½	14	Kidston	18½			
369	239½	Lonrho	300	-2	7.9	13.7
11½	5½	Meekatharra	6			
42	29	MIM	29½	-½	3.1	
1175	900	Minorco	934½	-18½	4.2	
105	65	Montagle	97		5.0	
73½	51½	Normandy	51½	-1½	4.3	11.7
177½	131½	North	131½	-4½	3.6	19.7
60	22½	Peddling Tin	27½		1.7	
111	63½	RGC	64½	+1	5.7	5.6
160	80	RJB	154½		16.2	2.0
29½	22½	Rackwood	27		15.3	5.9
196½	77½	Randfontein	146½	-1	4.1	15.4
121½	77½	Reunion Min	80			
898	641	Rio Tinto	762	+7	4.2	14.3
871	666½	Rio Tinto Ltd	709½	-13½	3.6	18.4
8½	4	St Barbara	4½	-½		
191	128	St Helena	151½		21.2	2.1
192½	138½	Sons Gwalia	149	-8	6.4	11.2
130½	90½	Sthern Pacific	97	-1½		
1328½	793½	Southvaal	1109½		10.6	9.4
228½	177½	WMC	179½	-3½	2.5	24.0
27	12	Wankie Col Z	14½		4.9	
67½	40½	Water Hall	41			
443	381½	Watts Blake†	399		5.5	11.9
1759½	975	Western Deep	1468½	-6½	5.5	
149	109½	Zambia Copper	125			

OIL & GAS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
212	155½	Abbot Group†	211½	+3	1.5	27.3
32½	19½	Alliance Res#	32½			
64½	51½	Aminex	51½			
77	56½	Aus Oil & Gas	56½	-1	2.6	19.1
27½	9½	Avesa Pet	10			
430	298½	Br Borneo†	385	-9	0.9	69.0
391	265	BG†	321	+5	3.1	30.5
972	708½	Br Petroleum†	918	+25	3.1	23.6
1½	0½	Bula Resources	1½			
1340	895	Burmah Castrol	1240	+10	3.3	18.2
496½	290½	Cairn Energy	315	-½		57.0
119	89	Castrol	105½	+2		
14½	7½	Copley Res	7½	-½		
22½	19½	Dana Pet	19½			
72½	41½	Dragon Oil	50			
28½	19	Edin Oil & Gs	25	+1½	1.5	18.1
7	5½	Emerald Energy	7			
697	510	Enterprise	565	-7	3.9	23.0
14½	8½	Fortune	9½			36.3
294½	231	Hardy Oil	238½	-3½	0.5	50.3
47½	31½	JKX Oil & Gas	31½			
430	300½	KBC Adv Tech	430		1.0	38.0
305	240	LASMO	280		0.8	75.7
42½	35½	Lasmo Units	39		21.6	
83	56½	Monument	69	-½		24.7
3118½	2612½	Norsk Hydro	2775	+59½	2.2	
133½	97	Oil Search	113	+½		
58½	39½	Petro	39½	-½		
54½	37	Premier	47½	+½	1.6	10.1
58	29½	Pittencrieff Rs	30			
422½	331	Ranger	420½	-2½	4.6	7.4
3816½	3031½	Royal Dtch Ft	3478½	+53½	2.8	25.8
5139½	3396½	Schlumberger	4767½	+253½	1.2	24.3
429½	328	Shell	449½	-9	3.1	31.1
375½	283½	SOCO Int	359½	-½		
8187½	5592½	Total	8050	+329½	1.7	
332½	240	[illegible]	240	-3½		

OTHER FINANCIAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
124	37	Aberdeen Asset	122½		4.0	27.0
775	567	AMVESCAP†	659½	-1	1.1	30.2
239½	120½	BWD	211½	-4	4.2	20.0
55½	42½	Berri Sec	45½	-1	5.6	
294	240	Bntech Inv	287	-1		
397½	255½	Brewin Dolphin	397½		3.0	19.5
930	725	Caledonia	915		2.5	24.4
4330	2600	Camellia	4150		1.0	17.5
682	398	Cattles	610½	-6	2.0	30.5
57½	37½	Chrisan	57½		3.2	15.8
876½	626½	Close Bros	875	-30	1.5	25.4
613	433	EPM	556½	-2½	5.2	14.3
32½	20	Erco	28½		4.3	
26	19½	Fisher	23½		2.1	21.3
215½	197	Friends Ivory Sime	203½	-1	4.5	19.1
409	332	Gerrard	403½		5.0	19.1
305½	247½	Hambros	303½	-2	3.1	29.1
272½	145½	Hitachi Credit	270½	-1	5.6	
185	145	Investment Co	181½		3.4	
177½	134½	Jardine Stratt	129½	+1	6.9	9.7
164½	111½	Jenrsn Fn	155		4.1	
620	570	Lacpolo J	610		4.1	26.1
619½	462½	Liberty Intl	573½		3.9	25.1
476½	342	Lon Fortaine	366	-1½	4.5	12.2
260½	169½	London Pacific	257½	-1½	6.9	9.1
160	110½	Lon Scot Br	145		3.9	25.6
263½	232½	Man ED & F	255½	-2	5.1	10.3
1945	1407½	M & G†	1945		3.9	27.5
253	182½	Paragon	248		1.4	38
4537½	2680½	Perpetual	4537½		1.9	27.6
1096	785	Provident	980	+13	2.6	25.2
644	400	Rathbone Brs	644		2.9	25.8
69½	54½	Rea Brothers	64½		1.9	12.9
65	39	Rutland Tst	64½	-½	3.3	14.5
107½	77	SEC Group	86	+½	2.6	21.6
342½	317½	S & U	336½	-3½	1.1	10.0
2025	1153½	Schroders▼	1745	-15	1.3	30.0
1775	1016½	Schroders N/V▼	1505	-10	1.5	25.9
785	610	Scorate Is	792½	+2½	3.6	16.1
185½	136½	Singer & Fried	172	-4	3.9	12.5
67½	48½	Towry Law	67½			
5½	3½	Trio Hldgs	5½			
81½	61½	Union	78½		0.8	44.8
75½	46½	Versailles Grp†	74½		4.1	17.7
437½	357½	Wemsd	437½			

PHARMACEUTICALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	42	Brit Biotech	51	-1½		
300	240	Cantab Pharms	262½	-2½		
387½	272½	Celltech	345	+1		
356½	220	Chiroscience	315½			
201	75	Core Group	75			
305	125½	Cortecs	131½	-½		
1983	1451½	Glaxo Well	1676	+27	2.3	36.4
135	75	ML Laboratories	83			
185	140	Medeva	170½		3.2	8.0
260	165	Oxford Molecular	206	-1		
310	265	Peptide Thern	285			
114½	47½	Phytopharm	33	-½		
513½	194½	Powderject	502	-11		
89½	42	Proteus Intl▲	47½	-1½		
72	59	Ransom (Wm)	65	-1½	5.1	12.7
181½	124½	Quadrant Healt	151	+½		
394½	260	Scotia	322			
446½	285½	Shire Pharms	380	-2½		
103½	47½	SkyePharma	77½			
868	618	SmithKline†	668½	+19½	1.7	32.4
223	145	Therap Ani Inc	156	-1½		
652½	382½	Vanguard	402½	-7½		
182	45	Vanguard Wts	66½	-½		
345	145	Xenova	173½	-1½		
2850	2114	Zeneca	2628	+110	1.8	34.1

PRINTING & PAPER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
94	82	AG Holdings†	87		9.0	12.9
645	520	API†	637½		2.5	17.3
142	68½	App Hole	135½	-1		
256	145½	Arjo Wiggins	242½	-6	5.3	13.0
468½	438½	Benrose	459		4.4	12.1
193½	144½	Blagden†	170	-2½	2.1	10.9
3571½	2578½	Bowater Inc	3087½	+31½		
313½	232½	Boxmore Intl	273½	-7	1.5	16.9
527	435	Br Polythene	475	-2½	5.3	11.5
348½	219½	Bunzl†	331	-1½	2.1	18.9
168½	118½	Capital Ind	145		5.3	14.9
261½	226½	Cropper (James)	230		3.6	8.2
399	266½	De La Rue	304	+13	4.6	9.7
274½	252½	Dolphin Pack	265		3.9	12.5
105	70	Ferguson Intl	93½		6.0	
197½	145½	Fiolax	161½		3.2	16.9
90½	56½	Inveresk	82½		9.8	12.2
229½	185½	Jarvis Porter	194½	-½	5.2	
21	17½	LIBERtobrica	18½		3.7	7.7
420	284	Low & Bonar	420	+3	4.0	14.1
25½	18½	Lowe (Robert)	20½		2.5	7.4
84½	68½	MY Holdings	84½		4.1	11.3
177½	132½	Macfarlane	149½		3.8	12.8
347½	213½	Plymrithmn	315	-4	0.6	52.2
194½	140½	Physo	184½	+1	5.4	14.0
34	25	Porter Chadbn	31½		3.2	10.1
320½	229	REXAM	310	-3	6.2	12.6
540½	485	St Ives Grp	540½	+5½	2.8	16.3
410	227½	Sappi	327½	+5½	2.5	
68½	20	Security & General	49½			
127½	92½	Sirdair	113½		2.8	13.1
253½	165½	Smith David	237	-6	4.3	14.7
240	156	Smurfit (Jeff)	201½	-½	2.3	
168	105	Sonat	113		3.5	12.4
178	133½	Tinsley Robor	177½	+1½	2.1	19.7
43½	16	Ware	35			
285½	247½	Waddington	275	-1½	4.9	12.2
347½	268	Watmough	347		3.8	17.8
320½	223	Wyndeham	312	+9½	2.5	

PROPERTY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
116½	91	Allied Lond	103	-½	4.9	7.5
195	155½	Asdar	192		2.0	25.4
36½	28½	Ashquay Grp	36½			
180½	135½	Ashtenne Hldgs	176		3.6	
278½	243½	Benchmark	267½		2.2	25.9
288½	253½	Bilsont	271½		5.1	19.8
177½	149	Birkby	172½		6.3	11.5
5½	3	Bolton Gp	3½			
64	53½	Bourne End†	59		2.5	
322½	275½	Bradford	280		3.9	19.6
825	645	Br Land	670	-14	1.6	98.3
255	213	Brixton†	242	+½	4.8	19.6
142	100	Burford†	117		2.5	40.6
147	132	CLS Hldgs	146	+1½	4.9	17.5
318½	246½	Cap & Regnl	291		1.5	26.4
460	401½	Cap Shop Ctrs	401½	-8½	2.9	26.2
359½	263½	Cardiff Prop	354½		1.1	49.9
16½	9½	Carisle	16			66.1
13½	8½	Cathay Intl	9	-½		
418½	336	Chelsfield	336	-5½	1.2	39.4
687½	590	Chesterfield	610		2.8	
37	21½	Chesterton Im	22½			
166½	147½	City Nord	154		1.8	45.0
53½	32½	Cntr Gte Ests	34½			27.6
107	90	Cleveland Tst	92½		8.2	11.5
99½	82½	CNC Propst	92	+1½	4.5	9.6
250½	185½	Compco	250½		2.1	20.9
1706	1605	Daejan	1705		1.0	16.3
21	13	Dares Estates	14			
128½	95½	Debenham Tewn	119½		2.9	14.1
163½	69½	Delancey Est	139½	-½	1.5	26.4
232½	192½	Dencora†	231½	+1½	2.6	14.3
598	552½	Derwent Hldgst	570		1.5	39.4
355	283½	Development Sect	316½		1.2	
260½	172½	Edge Properties	255			27.3
430	410	Estates Agency	425		5.4	19.3
85	75½	Estates Gen	79½		1.3	30.5
170½	139½	Evans Of Leeds	170½	+½	2.8	
42½	36½	Fletcher King	40½		6.2	13.4
71½	61½	Folkes Group†	69½	-½	3.8	6.8
71½	57½	Folkes Group nvt	70		3.7	6.8
540	461	Frogmore	506½	-1	5.0	13.2
19	14½	Golden Land Inv	18			
370	322	Grainger	345			
296	237½	Gt Portland	256	+4½	4.4	28.1
200½	159	Grantchester†	190		0.9	56.4
252½	214½	Greycoat	251½	-1	0.8	40.2
147½	104½	Hambro Cntym	142	+1½	2.6	9.2
537½	465½	Hammerson	532½	+2½	2.8	31.4
33½	25½	Hampton Trust	27			
682½	555	Helical Bar	680		1.7	
50	44½	Hemingway†	45½		1.7	
130½	69½	HK Land†	80½	-½	9.1	
343	200	Jermyn▼	335		2.2	
183½	94	LSHT	179	+1½	3.1	11.5
113½	84½	Lands Imp	106½		5.6	
1190	822½	Land Secs†	985	+22	3.6	26.6
36½	31	Lon & Assoct	34½		3.3	14.3
139½	118½	Lon Merch Sec	137		4.5	12.6
650	509½	MEPC	551	+8	3.4	22.0
119½	99½	MWB Group	114	+½	4.1	
152	132	McKay Secs	151		3.6	21.3
69½	65½	Merivale Mre	69		3.2	8.0
378	270	Mainer Est	365		3.4	17.5
245½	202½	Minerva	241	+1	0.9	
35½	25	Moorfield Est	34½		2.0	38.9
1900	1681½	Mountview	1850		2.8	13.0
169	156½	Muckiow (A&J)†	157½		5.7	17.5
49	31	OEM	49	+2		
65	52½	ORB	65			28.3
41½	31½	Olives Propt	40		1.9	24.9
732½	635	Peel	717½		1.4	
345½	277	Pillar Prop	345½		2.1	
13½	7½	Probus Estates	9½			
204½	189	Quintain	195		2.2	32.5
29	24	Raglan	28½	-½	5.9	
35½	26	Regalian	30½		4.4	15.1
202½	157½	Rugby Estt	177½		1.9	16.0
81½	67½	St Modwen Prp	74½		5.8	9.1
73	59	Saville Grdn	72		5.2	27.3
149	111½	Savills	148½		3.2	10.4
109	92	Scot Met	108½		3.6	19.1
246	217	Shaftesbury	245		1.2	57.1
414½	342½	Slough Estates	366½	+2	2.8	24.6
287½	242½	Smart (J)	272½		4.6	10.1
119	93	TBI	116½	+1½	2.2	38.2
196½	178½	Tops Ests	194		1.7	42.0
118	102	Town Centre†	106	-½	4.6	13.6
203½	149½	Trafford Park	196½		2.6	21.4
103½	87½	UK Land	96½		3.9	13.1
278½	251½	Warner	268½		6.1	18.7
263	255	Warnford	263		3.8	
116½	92½	Wates▲	93			42.9
450½	345½	Workspace Grp	449½	+2	4.3	16.5

RETAILERS, FOOD

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
227½	173	ASDA Group	190	+2	2.1	17.9
78½	56	Budgens	73½	-½	2.5	15.0
80½	55½	Dairy Farm Intl	65½	-½	5.6	
212½	157	Farepak	180		3.6	12.9
43½	35½	Fitzwilton	41½	..	5.9	
184	95	Fyffes	155		1.3	18.1
2637½	1995	Greggs	2612½		1.8	21.6
261	119	Iceland Group	245½	+8	2.7	16.6
287	227½	Morrison (W)	286½	+3	0.9	23.0
69	38	Park Foods	59½	-1½	6.5	
402	330	Safeway†	374	-3	4.7	15.7
567	370	Sainsbury Jt	513	+3	3.4	21.3
403½	207½	Somerfield	388	-7	3.4	13.3
321½	194½	T & S Stores	316½	+6½	3.4	16.9
620	485	Tesco†	536	+3	2.7	22.8
293½	256½	Thorntons	267½		2.6	21.2
636	505	Watson & Philip	620½	+4	3.8	17.3

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
303½	230½	Alexon	258	+10½		10.7
266	192½	Allders	235		4.5	11.4
180	87½	Allied Carpets	89	-½	10.9	6.9
508	361½	Arcadia Group	468½	+15	2.9	16.6
683	390	Argos†	632	+1	3.6	20.5
41½	19½	Ashley (Laura)	35	-2	8.7	11.7
216½	164½	Austin Reed†	200		3.7	11.9
172½	150½	Beale	160		6.5	12.3
197	157	Beattie (J)	166½		3.3	7.0
165½	119½	Bentalls	139½		1.9	
275½	136½	Blacks Leis	370	+1	5.2	11.3
145	109	Body Shop†	135	+½	2.8	23.5
1030	602	Boots	1028½	+44½		15.3
61	30½	Brown & Jackson	57	-1½	2.6	13.4
463	360	Brown (N)	360		7.9	11.0
505	335½	Carpetright	331	+22	7.7	30.2
392½	227	Christies Intl	388½	+1	5.3	11.4
452	392	Church	402	-3	3.7	14.6
132½	95½	Clinton Cards	130½		0.9	16.1
276½	199½	Country Gdns	250½		1.2	16.8
430½	327½	Courts Furnish	390		7.1	9.4
567½	233½	DFS Furniture†	393½	-14	1.2	17.0
433	339½	Debenhams†	384½	-½	2.4	17.2
626	459	Dixons Grp	572	-8½		30.5
59½	45½	Etec Boutique	57½	+2		
4½	3	ERA Gp	4½			
70½	45½	Essex Furn†	47½		10.1	10.9
309	145	Falkland Isls	175	-4		19.1
218½	162½	Fine Art Devt	202½		7.2	
356½	203½	Fired Earth	346½	+1½	1.3	21.5
567½	445½	Flying Flw Uts	538½	+1	1.7	
127½	95½	Formminster†	120		3.5	10.2
465	355	French Conn†	430		0.9	15.2
45½	34½	Gieves	43½		3.6	24.6
333½	217½	Goldsmiths Gp	330		3.1	15.6
147	126½	Gompon Hdg	139½		6.7	13.0
918	700	GUS	884	-7	2.6	23.0
297½	220½	Hamleys	295		5.4	11.5
116½	75	Hampden Grp	105½		3.4	10.2
343½	269½	Harveys Furn	282½	-1	3.1	23.3
221½	144½	Hse of Fraser†	190	+3	3.6	21.1
171½	117½	Hughes (TJ)	167½	+1	2.6	
823½	489	JJB Sports†	607½	-5	1.4	23.8
1201	709½	Kingfisher†	1066	-1	2.2	19.3
356	290	Liberty	338½		1.2	
45½	25½	Lunebight	43½	+2		
141	75	MFI	85	-½	7.2	9.2
654	489	Marks Spencer†	565	+10½	3.2	19.4
57	35½	Merchant Retail	51	-½	1.2	
291½	216½	Moss Bros	251		3.0	16.1
860	474	Next†	562	+1	4.0	14.8
33½	24½	Oliver (G)	29½			
512½	387½	Oriflame Intl	477½	-5	4.6	15.3
85	39½	Partner	40		1.6	7.4
89½	79½	Partridge Fine	97½		7.1	7.6
39½	25½	QS Hldgs	26½			
320	258	Rosebys	258	-1	5.7	10.8
114½	85½	Save Group†	114½	+6	7.8	12.4
65	45	Sears	65	+1	6.4	
49	29	Signet Group	48½	+½		10.7
587½	389½	Smith WH	556½	-6	3.5	
1310	1050	Sotheby's	1305		1.9	
285½	216	Storehouse	264½	+4½	4.0	13.1
62	58	Stylo	62		10.1	
231½	140½	Thorn	206½		8.4	11.7
127½	69½	Tie Rack	91	+6½	2.8	
5½	2½	Upton & South	3½	+½		36.3
355½	261½	Wickes	338½	-1	0.7	56.1
377½	280½	Wyevale	340		2.5	21.8

SUPPORT SERVICES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
839	535	AEA Tech	837½	+13½	1.3	39.8
350	275	Abacus Recruit	305		0.6	20.9
205½	120	Acorn	120			
226½	152½	Aggreko	214	-2½	2.2	28.7
122	68	Alpha Airpts	112		6.0	13.7
53	32½	Alphameric	36			17.5
79	47	Anue Grp	70			
535	362½	Atkins WS	535	+14½	1.7	31.5
214½	160	BKB Res	194	-1½	4.9	17.7
790	507½	BPP	765	-2½	2.6	27.0
783½	637½	BTG	755½	+19	0.2	
46	17½	Br Thornton	43½			
134½	79½	Brooks Service	122½	-1	4.1	12.2
957½	568½	Business Post	800	-10	1.8	34.4
2000	758½	CMG†	1915	-65	0.3	
476½	336	CRT Grp	476½	+30	1.1	66.3
97½	81½	Cand Grp	93½	+2½	1.6	11.7
551½	311½	Capita Group	542½		0.5	
12½	6½	Chemex	9½		2.6	15.5
257	212½	Corp Services	235	+4½	3.1	17.4
37½	21½	Courts Cnsltg	33½		0.4	
649	317½	DCS Gp	609½	+18	0.5	40.8
352½	215	Danka Bs Sys	285	+9	1.4	13.9
459½	302	Davis Service	435	-7½	3.3	23.8
830	670	Delphi	683½	-5	1.3	24.0
1140	682½	Diagonal	1140	+57½	0.3	
27½	19	Eurocon	20½		12.3	4.0
87	51½	EW Fact	87		2.9	16.1
102½	51	El Data Pic	94½	+4	2.9	16.4
1732½	927½	FI Group	1697½	+5	0.4	
567	409	Guardian IT	566	+2		
455	337	Harvey Nash	409		1.4	30.8
1135	773	Hays	1067	-11	1.1	37.1
58	51½	High-Point Rnd	55			
325½	255½	Hogg Robinson	325		3.9	15.1
1257½	515	JBA Hldgs†	655	+2½	1.0	61.4
330	232½	Johnson Srvcs	308½		5.1	11.8
69½	40½	Kalamazoo	52½		10.1	
895	570	Kewill Sys	862½		1.4	20.7
24½	13½	Laser-Scan	18½			
551	317½	Lavendon	515		0.9	35.5
1877½	1147½	Logica	1711½		0.8	40.1
806½	505	Lorien	787½		1.2	49.0
227½	130½	Lynx Group†	216½	-3½	1.2	27.6
96½	42½	MDIS	95½			
1422½	772½	MMT Comp	1417½	+10	1.1	37.3
164½	109½	MR Group	146½	+1	3.4	19.4
555	320	Macro 4	480		6.7	13.9
342½	142½	Marlborough Int	312½			56.6
80½	52½	Mentmore Abbey	60		1.0	24.0
731	470	Micro Focus	552½	+5		34.8
128½	55	Microgen	128½	+1	4.9	17.1
3723	1825	Misys	3355	-32	0.5	56.1
336	230½	MITIE Gp	317½	+1	0.9	34.8
53½	51½	Nevo Group	53½		3.7	12.1
61	41½	Orbis▼	54½		3.8	
780	500	PSD	652½	+5	1.6	25.2
862½	635	Parity†	845		0.8	40.4
395	240	Pegasus†	380		2.5	13.1
242½	145	Penna	220		1.2	11.2
329	151	Photo-Me	321	-8	2.1	31.6
54½	35	Proudfoot†	43		11.3	10.3
247½	160	RCO	170	-5	1.1	30.2
332	218½	RPS Group	323	+1½	1.9	26.6
53	25½	Radiec	45½		3.9	15.5
585	317½	Real Time	582½		1.3	20.1
117½	73	Rebus	114½		2.1	25.1
193	119½	Reed Executive†	164		2.3	8.8
190	162	Reliance Sec	190		4.5	16.8
440	265	Rentokil Int	416½	-1½	0.9	41.5
217½	152½	Ricardo Group	217½		3.7	27.4
576	455	Robert Walters	492½	-10	1.0	22.7
510	275	Rolfe & Nolan	370	-2½		82.0
382½	297½	Royalblue	372½		0.8	50.2
1575	825	Sage Grp†	1482½	+10	0.3	58.5
158	74	Sanderson†	157½	+7½	4.1	14.4
910	551	Select App	904½	+4½	0.5	38.8
2462½	1475	Serna Grp†	2462½	+55	0.4	62.9
1409	868	Serco Gp	1409	+1½	0.6	59.0
199½	154½	Shanks & McEwan	199½	+½	2.7	
915	520	Sherwd Intl	910		0.7	38.3
74	44	Simon Grp	63	-1½	1.3	16.7
61	37½	Sketchley	46½			
300½	181½	Skillsgroup	300½	+4	1.7	27.6
125	103	Stat-Plus	112		12.6	11.1
275	92	Superscape VR	244	-1		
125½	85	Tarer	115	-2½	2.5	19.2
3450	2250	Tyco Intl	3250		0.2	
133½	86½	WSP Group	129½		2.8	17.2
225	182	Waner Hcwrd	183½		6.2	
242	176	Waste Mgt Intl	242			57.1
499½	332½	Waste Recyg	496½	-2½	0.6	45.8
273½	199	Whitehead Mann	272½		2.1	22.5
97½	62½	White Young Grn	96	+2½	4.6	14.8
500	304	Williams	450	+4½	3.5	33.1

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
718½	411½	BT	663	+2	3.7	18.9
2210	814½	COLT Telecom	2182½	-20		
765	467½	Cable Wireless	720	+7	1.7	32.9
499	264½	Cable&Wire Comm	497	+2		
937½	252½	Energis	885	-2½		
320	250	Euro Telecom	317½		1.0	26.7
208	77½	General Cable	199	+7		
137½	23	Ionica Group	36½	-3		
499	239½	Orange	487	+13		
474½	286½	Securicor	470	-3½	0.5	61.0
115½	69½	TeleWest	113	+4½		
775	298	Vodafone	755½	+15½	0.9	57.6

TRANSPORT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
440	210	Air London†	410	-4	2.1	23.1
357	212½	All Nippon Airt	214½	-1½		
518	344½	Arriva	468½	-7½	3.6	13.3
388	282½	Assoc Br Ports	363½	+3	3.1	17.8
372	284½	Autologic	356	+1	2.6	
293	166½	Avis Europe	232½	+4	1.3	29.1
731½	402½	BAA†	693	-3	2.5	19.1
674	498	Br Airways	660½	+8½	3.2	13.3
140½	90½	Clarkson (H)†	133½	-1	3.7	15.1
192½	135½	Clydeport Ops	190½		3.6	
460	317½	Dart	455		1.8	22.3
82½	43½	Eurotunnel Uts	78½	-3		
451	221½	FirstGroup	429	+16½	1.9	24.5
140	125	Fisher (James)	127½		3.1	9.7
692	580	Forth Ports	665	+2	2.7	16.2
92½	60	Frontline	70			
723½	510	Go-Ahead	687½	+1	1.8	16.4
601½	490	Goode Durrant	548½		2.4	16.2
495	305	Helphire Grp	495	..	0.3	
1135	740	Irish Cont	1135		0.5	24.2
96½	74½	Jacobs	94½		3.0	41.1
642½	490	Mersey Docks	635		2.9	24.0
203	138½	NFC	173½		3.8	17.8
1118½	676	Nat Express	1115½	+2	1.5	25.1
817½	562½	Ocean Group	801	+1½	2.2	24.6
121½	92½	Ocean Wilsons†	119		4.6	5.8
933½	650	P & O Dfd	849½	+1½	4.5	19.2
116½	107½	P & O 5.5%	116½		8.2	
1454½	571½	Railtrack	1395	+11	2.2	21.4
130	98	Salvesen (C)	122	-½	5.9	17.5
47½	36	Seacon	44		3.6	33.4
286½	244	Seacomp Ship	273½		5.7	6.7
311½	180	Serviset	276½	-2	2.4	23.3
1429	765	Stagecoach	1429	+1½	0.9	32.5
628	547½	Tibbet & Britt	607½	+2½	3.6	15.9
330½	251	TDG	330½	+12	6.4	21.5
116½	76½	Uglandt	100	+½	6.2	8.3
72½	39½	Utd Carriers	48	+3½	9.1	12.6

WATER

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
967	780	Anglian	885	+5	5.7	9.7
335	285	East Surrey	288½		4.9	11.7
1053½	907	Hyder	991	+10	6.7	6.4
136	115½	Hyder Cm Prf	125½	+½	7.8	
775	680	Mid Kent Hldgs	760		5.6	
1085	865	Severn Trent	1039½	+15	4.5	11.5
3875	3265	South Stafs	3875		3.6	
1005	864½	South West	986½	+12½	5.3	12.4
1050	800	Thames	1038	+18	4.7	11.3
950	858	Utd Utilities	873	+13	6.2	10.3
550	456	Wessex	484	+5	4.9	9.4
560	446	Yorkshire	459	+11½	5.7	9.1

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
235	193	Cafe Inns	235	...	1.8	..
39	14½	Chorion	25½	-½	3.2	17.0
222½	155	Dawood Hdgs	188			
38½	29	Freepages	38½		0.5	28.2
65½	49	Megalomedia	56½			
38	21½	Memory Corp	34	-½		
490	344	Prism Rail	445		2.5	
847½	620	Ramco Egy	685	-2½	3.2	16.2
830	740	Southern News	830		3.0	13.6
94½	84½	Southern Vectis	87½			

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.

BRITISH FUNDS

1998 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.25	7.65
105	102	Treas 15½% 1998	102	-	15.14	7.25
104	102	Exch 12% 1998	102	-	11.76	7.25
102	101	Treas 9½% 1999	101	-	9.38	7.28
106	103	Exch 12¼% 1999	103	-	11.80	7.13
104	103	Treas 10½% 1999	103	-	10.19	7.12
99	98	Treas 6% 1999	99	-	6.06	6.94
106	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	104		9.81	6.92
105	103	Conv 9% 2000	103	-	8.70	6.80
104	103	Treas 8% 2000	103	-	7.75	6.57
103	102	Treas 8½% 2000	102	-	8.29	6.87
114	112	Treas 13% 2000	112	-	11.60	6.73
109	108	Treas 10% 2001	108	-	9.22	6.56
102	101	Treas 7% 2001	101	-	6.87	6.36
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
103	101	Treas 7% 2002	102	-	6.81	6.21
113	112	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	-	8.64	6.26
100	106	Treas 8% 2003	108	-	7.40	6.08
118	116	Treas 10% 2003	117	-	8.53	6.10
114	112	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112	-	10.24	6.57
93	94	Fund 3½% 1999-04	93	+	3.77	4.87
119	116	Conv 9½% 2004	118	-	8.03	6.00
106	101	Treas 6¾% 2004	104	-	6.47	5.92
116	113	Treas 8½% 2005	115	-	7.36	5.90
120	117	Conv 9½% 2005	119	-	7.95	5.98
130	128	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129	-	9.66	6.07
111	107	Treas 7½% 2006	110		6.76	5.84
112	108	Treas 7¾% 2006	112	-	6.91	5.87
107	105	Treas 8% 2002-06	106		7.52	6.37
123	121	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	-	9.62	6.18
119	115	Treas 8½% 2007	118	+	7.17	5.75
111	106	Treas 7¼% 2007	110	+	6.54	5.76
125	121	Treas 9% 2008	125	+	7.20	5.75
119	113	Treas 8% 2009	118	+	6.76	5.76
105	99	Treas 6¼% 2010	104	+	5.97	5.72
130	124	Conv 9% 2011	129	+	6.94	5.74
131	125	Treas 9% 2012	131	+	6.86	5.75
99	93	Treas 5½% 2008-12	99	+	6.54	5.56
119	112	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	118	+	6.54	5.76
LONGS (over 15 years)						
122	116	Treas 8% 2013	122	+	6.52	5.73
126	118	Treas 8% 2015	125	+	6.36	5.65
136	127	Treas 8¾% 2017	135	+	6.45	5.67
130	121	Tr 8% 2021	130	-	6.13	5.62
UNDATED						
61	55	War Ln 3½%	61	+	5.70	
42	38	Treas 2½%	42	+	5.87	
67	61	Consols 4%	66	+	6.00	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					5%	3%
199	194	Treas IL 2½% 2001	198	-	3.00	3.36
197	192	Treas IL 2½% 2003	196	-	2.93	3.20
127	124	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	127	-	2.81	3.00
216	206	Treas IL 2% 2006	214	-	2.77	2.92
197	187	Treas IL 2½% 2009	196	-	2.71	2.83
208	195	Treas IL 2½% 2011	207	-	2.70	2.80
174	162	Treas IL 2½% 2013	173	+	2.67	2.76
190	175	Treas IL 2½% 2016	189	+	2.64	2.72
186	170	Treas IL 2½% 2020	185	+	2.65	2.72
158	142	Treas IL 2½% 2024	157	+	2.63	2.69
156	140	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	155	+	2.60	2.65



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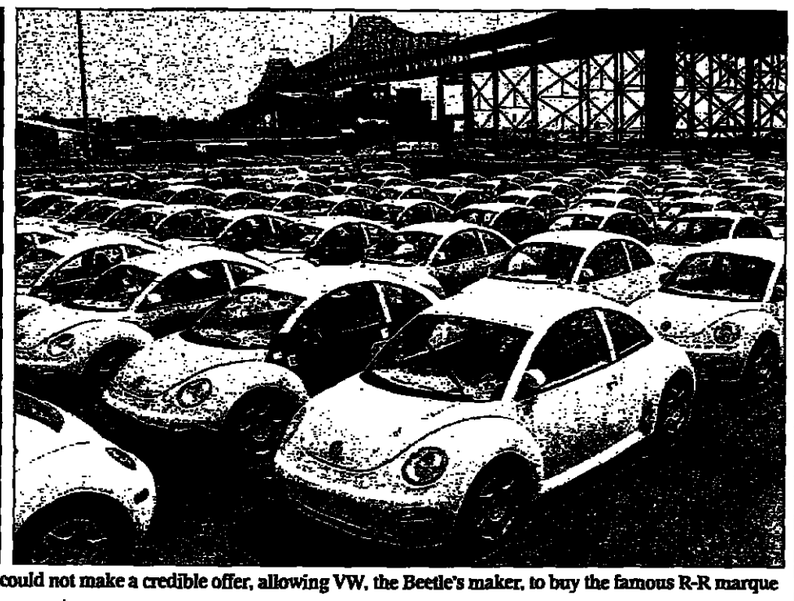
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Sir Colin Chandler said Crewe Motors, which wants to keep Rolls-Royce in British ownership, could not make a credible offer, allowing VW, the Beetle's maker, to buy the famous R-R marque

VW triumphs over BMW in battle for Rolls-Royce

BY ADAM JONES

BMW finally admitted defeat in the fight for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars yesterday after a £430 million bid from Volkswagen won investor approval at a meeting in London.

The confirmation that VW will be the new owner of the luxury carmaker, barring an unlikely upset, met with silence from Rolls-Royce plc, the aero-engines group that could withdraw use of the name.

BMW will stop supplying the engine and other parts to the new Silver Seraph and Bentley Arnage. VW is thought to have a year to replace them.

Despite protests from several private shareholders, votes cast in advance by fund managers meant that the VW bid was overwhelmingly endorsed by the owners of Vickers, the engineer that put Rolls up for sale last October.

Attempts by a group of enthusiasts to buy the carmaker using a £100 off-the-shelf company called Crewe Motors continued until the last minute after a tentative £460 million bid was rejected on Thursday.

Michael Shrimpton, a barrister and their chairman, forced an adjournment to the meeting yesterday, claiming his backers were now able to prove funds of £1.7 billion, mainly in bank accounts in Zurich and the Bahamas. He disappeared for talks with Sir Colin Chandler, the Vickers chairman, for nearly an hour. However, Sir Colin, who had accused Mr Shrimpton and Crewe Motors of an "undignified scramble to raise money", returned to say there was still no credible bid. The VW offer was eventually approved by more than five million votes to 110,000.

Mr Shrimpton said he was in favour of continuing bid efforts but said it was a matter for the Crewe Motors board to decide. Another enthusiast, Professor Donald Longmore, is thought to be still attempting a bid with UK money. However, sources close to Vickers said dumping VW was almost inconceivable and could invite legal action. Graham Morris, the top executive at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars said he would resign if Crewe Motors won.

Peter Torre, a chauffeur from Hendon, North London, who was trained by Rolls-Royce and whose clients included the late Lord Astor, told the meeting that foreign ownership would dilute the Rolls appeal. He added afterwards: "This is part of our heritage. This is not England winning or losing at cricket or football." Another private shareholder lamented the imminent creation of a "Rollswagen".

Sir Colin Chandler insisted that the sale to a carmaker was vital for Rolls to survive in the global market and added that activities at Crewe will continue: "It's location that counts, not ownership."

Despite achieving what has been seen as a good price for Rolls and Cosworth, the engine company that VW is also buying, Sir Colin has been criticised for the lengthy sale process. Some industry observers have suggested that timing of the sale announcement was a panic measure designed to fend off a hostile takeover of Vickers by Mayflower. Vickers denies this.

It was also claimed at the meeting that BMW had contemplated stopping production of saloon cars at Rover, its UK arm, two years ago. Burkard Bovensiepen, the head of Alpina, a luxury car company with strong links to BMW, said Bernd Pischetsrieder, the BMW chairman, insisted it should continue and was therefore more trustworthy than the Volkswagen "nouveau riche". BMW refused to comment.

The attendance of roughly 100 shareholders was lower than expected. One private investor, Martin Simons, was furious that some large institutional shareholders, such as NatWest, were absent having cast their votes in advance.

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Firms ready to abandon Benefits Agency project

BY JASON NISSÉ

PLANS by Harriet Harman, the Secretary of State for Social Security, to cut the £2.4 billion-a-year cost of distributing benefits have suffered a severe setback after it emerged that three private-sector consortiums working with the Benefits Agency are ready to pull out of a key project.

The three teams — led by the computer services groups EDS, Sema and Capita and including the likes of NatWest, Manpower, Price Waterhouse and Group 4 — are unhappy that preliminary proposals put forward at a meeting with the Agency on Wednesday were rejected by Peter Mathison, the organisation's chief executive.

The consortiums have been working with the Agency since last August on a project called Adapt, in which staff from the private-sector firms worked with Agency regional offices to see how they could be made to work more efficiently.

An EDS plan to contract out much of the working of the Agency and "free up" as many as a quarter of its 86,000 staff was rejected by Mr Mathison after details appeared in *The Times* last month. However, the EDS assessment that up to £7 billion can be saved from the Agency's costs over ten years has created tension between the DSS and the Treasury, which is understood to be concerned that Ms Harman is dragging her heels on introducing cost-cutting reforms to her department.

EDS put forward fresh proposals on Wednesday which involved stripping all administration functions from Agency offices and processing everything at a single centre. This was given short shrift, along with other plans put forward by the Sema and Capita groups.

Members of the consortiums discussed pulling out. "We have told the Benefits Agency that we want some signal in the next ten days that they are serious about actually procuring something at the end of Adapt," one consortium member said.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET PRICES

FTSE 100	5947.3	(+86.5)
Yield	2.77%	
FTSE All share	2832.99	(+32.79)
Nikkei	15323.43	(-103.04)
New York:		
Dow Jones	8867.46	(+96.90)*
S&P Composite	1105.63	(+10.80)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	104²⁹/₃₂*	(104²⁵/₃₂)
Yield	5.79%*	(5.82%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	7¹³/₁₆%	(7¹³/₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	109.45	(109.38)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6357*	(1.6365)
London:		
$	1.6381	(1.6425)
DM	2.9008	(2.8969)
FFr	9.7271	(9.7137)
SFr	2.4120	(2.4087)
Yen	228.33	(227.05)
£ Index	103.6	(103.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7743*	(1.7680)
FFr	5.9515*	(5.9290)
SFr	1.4755*	(1.4705)
Yen	139.63*	(138.40)
$ Index	111.7	(111.0)

Tokyo close Yen 139.43 *

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	$15.05	($14.75)

GOLD

London close	$291.55	($293.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Zeneca deal with rival Astra tipped

SHARES in Zeneca lept 110p to £26.28 yesterday as the City speculated that the pharmaceutical group could strike a deal with Astra, its Swedish rival which is negotiating a $10 billion (£6.1 billion) divorce from Merck of America.

Merck has been marketing Losec, Astra's ulcer treatment, through a joint venture company and 16-year-old licensing agreement. Terms of Astra's split are expected to be announced on Monday and are believed to involve a payment of up to $3 billion plus future royalties.

Drugs analysts said Astra may now seek other partners, with Zeneca and Bayer, the German chemical company, seen as favourites. Some City traders also saw SmithKline Beecham as a possible suitor for Astra and marked its shares up 3 per cent to 668½p.

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Pension splitting Bill due out on Monday

BY CAROLINE MERRELL AND ANNE ASHWORTH

THE Government will publish its long-awaited Bill on pensions splitting at divorce on Monday. The principal beneficiaries of the proposals will be middle-aged women who have devoted their lives to home and husband and so have accumulated little or no retirement savings of their own. The Government fears that many of these women are being forced on to social security benefits.

The husband's pension is often the largest household asset, worth more than the family home. At present the wife has no automatic right to a share of it. The proposals should become law by 2000. Lawyers predict that the imminent arrival of the pension splitting Bill looks set to encourage men with sizeable pensions but few other investments to seek to finalise their divorces before splitting becomes law. Otherwise, they risk being forced to hand over more cash to their former wives.

Under an arrangement devised by the Tories, pensions can be divided at retirement, but this solution, known as earmarking, has proved less than satisfactory. The husband can die before retirement, leaving his former wife without a claim on his pension. Lawyers point to a recent case where the earmarking provisions were deemed to be inappropriate, as greater security could be provided for a wife by other means.

Pensions splitting is seen as desirable both by ministers and matrimonial lawyers as it provides for a clean break between partners. Soon after the election, Harriet Harman, the Secretary of state for Social Security, expressed her desire to introduce pension splitting as soon as possible. However, there are rumours that the taxman looks less than kindly on the system since it would result in fewer higher rate taxpayers, as many men would have given a share of their pension savings to their ex-wives.



The Sultan of Brunei's investment agency is suing in London

Sultan's agency sues UBS for £14m

BY RICHARD MILES

AN INVESTMENT body ultimately controlled by the Sultan of Brunei, the world's richest man, is suing UBS, the Swiss investment bank, for $23 million (£14 million).

The Brunei Investment Agency (BIA), chaired by the Sultan's playboy brother, Prince Jefri, alleges in a writ that UBS took a series of regular, but unauthorised, commission payments while handling its investment portfolio.

The writ, registered with the High Court in London last week, claims that UBS deducted up to $3.7 million in unauthorised "Swiss commissions" each year from 1985 to 1992, when BIA ended its contract with the bank.

The BIA wants a declaration that UBS was not authorised to charge these commissions and the return of $23.36 million. Alternatively, it would accept damages for breach of its agreement with UBS.

UBS, which is merging with Swiss Bank Corporation, said that it did not comment on pending litigation. BIA's solicitors, Rowe & Maw, were unavailable for comment.

Prince Jefri is no stranger to controversy. In March, he settled a multimillion-pound case in the High Court during which it had been claimed that he took up to 40 prostitutes at a time to the Dorchester Hotel in London.

BBC in satellite deal

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

FOUR BBC channels and all the corporation's national radio networks will be carried on BSkyB's digital satellite service, which is due to be launched at the end of this month.

The multimillion-pound deal means that BBC1 and BBC2 will be broadcast in a cinema-style widescreen format and digital satellite viewers will be able to see BBC News 24, the round-the-clock television news service and BBC Choice, providing a range of extended and additional programmes. BBC Learning, the UK's first public service learning channel will be launched later this year.

The channels, funded by the licence fee, will be available free to digital viewers but the BBC will have to pay millions of pounds a year of licence payers' money for everything from the lease of satellite capacity and transmission costs to the use of BSkyB's conditional access and customer management system.

John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, said yesterday the agreement with BSkyB (in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake) meant that licence-payers could receive free-to-air public service channels on satellite, digital terrestrial and cable.

ITV said it had no plans to use digital satellite and was focusing on digital terrestrial. Channels 4 and 5 are in talks with BSkyB. Mark Booth, chief executive of BSkyB, said digital satellite was vital for an ultimate switch-off of the present analogue system because digital terrestrial could not cover the whole country.

A WEEK IN THE CITY

It was a week in which Gazza stepped out with Ginger Spice. Noddy shacked up with Miss Marple, and Camelot won the jackpot — again. America was gripped by two enormous corporate deals, as Britain reeled from an unexpected rise in interest rates. The £5.4 billion Channel Tunnel rail link was given the green light.

Football and pop music aside, the headline-stealing tale of the week fell to Chorion — the former Trocadero — which spent £14 million two years ago buying the rights to Enid Blyton. It has now taken control of the estate of Agatha Christie, mixing Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot with Noddy and the Famous Five. Wait for those Poirot sweatshirts.

Monsanto, the controversial agri-chemical group, unveiled a $100 billion (£60 billion) alliance with American Home Products (AHP), the US pharmaceuticals monolith that earlier this year attempted a merger with SmithKline Beecham (SB). SB jilted AHP in favour of Glaxo Wellcome, but that, too, foundered. Monsanto pioneers weedkiller resistant soya beans, and other genetically engineered wonders. Robert Shapiro, its chairman, is set for a $75 million windfall on completion of the deal.

Travelers Group, the US financial services group, said it was buying 25 per cent of Nikko Securities, Japan's third-largest brokerage. The deal pairs Nikko with Salomon Smith Barney. Travelers is engaged in a $140 billion merger with Citicorp.

More money-making from Camelot, the National Lottery operator, which unveiled record pre-tax profits of £80.9 million in the year to March 31. Tim Holley, the chief executive, saw his remuneration rise to £636,000 (£590,000), with an additional £104,000 towards his pension. Lottery sales hit £5.5 billion last year despite a steep drop-off in Instants scratchcards.

The Bank of England caught everyone on the hop on Thursday, when it increased base rates by a quarter point to 7.5 per cent. The move was interpreted as a panic reaction to excessive private sector pay rises — seen as jeopardising the Government's policy on inflation. Mortgage lenders held off from immediate action. Industry and unions said the rise would lead to job losses and business failures.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, gave the go-ahead to the 68-mile, high-speed Channel Tunnel rail link. The first phase, to be finished by 2003, will take trains to Ebbsfleet in Kent, before joining existing lines to Waterloo. The second, more expensive phase, involves tunneling under the Thames and on to St Pancras in North London. It will not be finished until 2007. The service will be run by a consortium headed by National Express and which includes British Airways. There are plans to run trains from Heathrow to Paris and Brussels.

Boots said its new loyalty card brought in £60 million in extra sales last year, while Siebe, the engineering group, announced plans to cut 4,000 jobs in Europe. Martin Sorrell, chief executive of WPP, picked up the final £7.4 million tranche of a £27 million incentive scheme. Who needs lotteries?

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Van Miert holds out on US telecoms merger

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND OLIVER AUGUST

KAREL VAN MIERT, European Commissioner for Competition, has said he is prepared to delay the $40 billion (£24 billion) merger of MCI and Worldcom unless the US telecoms groups make further concessions over their stranglehold of the international Internet market.

Mr Van Miert's latest intervention will revive fears that European authorities are determined to block big transatlantic mergers.

Mr Van Miert forced the $13 billion merger between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas to the brink last year while British Airways' tie-up with American Airlines is still waiting for clearance after two years of scrutiny. Mr Van Miert said earlier this week that he still had reservations about this deal.

The European Commission said yesterday its main concern with the MCI-WorldCom deal centred on the merged group's dominance of long-distance Internet transmissions. A spokesman described the concerns as "substantial" but said that this part of the business represents less than $10 million of turnover to the two companies. He added that the details of the sale of part the merged group's Internet business to Cable & Wireless had only been submitted last Wednesday and that officials had not yet finished examining the deal in detail.

The merger is being reviewed by the US Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission. The EU has co-operated with the two US agencies during its investigation of WorldCom-MCI. The new company will be the world's largest Internet cable company with a market share of 50 per cent.

Mr Van Miert has been seen flexing his muscles in recent months as a flurry of merger activity on both sides of the Atlantic has raised serious competition concerns. European companies have been equally in the firing line with Mr Van Miert employing his rarely used powers of veto to scupper a proposed digital television tie-up in Germany between Bertlesmann, Kirch Group and Deutsche Telecom.

Reed Elsevier and Wolters also recently called off their £5.3 billion merger following EU scepticism over parts of the deal.

Regulator plans an end to the power pool

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE end of the highly controversial marketplace for electricity was yesterday signalled by the industry regulator in a radical plan to shake up power trading. The plan is likely to push down the price of electricity.

The electricity pool — which has faced heavy criticism for enabling generators to control the market — would be abolished and replaced with other forms of trading under the scheme outlined by Stephen Littlechild.

The move is intended to end the ability of the three biggest non-nuclear generators to set the price of electricity, abolishing the contentious payments made to them to ensure that power stations are available to operate.

The proposals, revealed in an interim report on Professor Littlechild's review into the pool, are far more sweeping than expected and come just as the Government is poised to announce a deal to secure the future of the coal industry and outline a policy on energy.

Concern has been growing that customers could suffer higher prices after the Government's intervention in the energy market to save coal.

If implemented, the new trading systems are likely to push down power prices by reducing the dominance of the three main generators. New arrangements, such as forward markets, will encourage a free-for-all in power trading compared with the present system in which National Power, PowerGen and Eastern are able to dictate the price of electricity by bids made a day in advance.

Consumer groups are angry that the price of power has not fallen significantly despite lower fuel costs.

The pool was established after privatisation as a means of balancing supply and demand but has never enjoyed the approval of any organisation except the generators.

Andrew Claxton, chief executive of the pool, said: "There are a range of options to be considered. It is important that whatever changes are made are the right ones."

Professor Littlechild, who is due to finish his report next month, said: "A measure of agreement emerged among a number of parties as to the general form the arrangements should take.

"Importantly, these parties included customer groups as well as a number of suppliers, traders and potential market operators."



METRODOME, the specialist film and music distributor listed on AIM, has raised £500,000 from a private placing to finance the development of two new group businesses. The company has recently developed a direct marketing division and is to set up a new international television sales division. Metrodome shares yesterday remained unchanged at 11p. John Hall, chairman, said prospects had been enhanced by Government plans to allocate lottery funds to British film distributors from 1999. Metrodome will release *Stiff Upper Lips*, starring Sir Peter Ustinov and Prunella Scales, above, on June 12.

PolyGram film side may go for $1bn

BY RAYMOND SNODDY AND CHRIS AYRES

THE film division of PolyGram, behind such hits as *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Bean*, could be auctioned for more than $1 billion (£615 million) as early as next month, with many of the top management prepared to stay with it if offered a stake.

A timetable for a sale is being hammered out by investment bankers in Los Angeles, with Wall Street rumours suggesting that big Hollywood studios such as Warner Brothers and Twentieth Century Fox are interested in taking stakes in the company. They would face regulatory difficulties if they tried to buy the whole company.

The likeliest outcome is now thought to be a joint bid by a European consortium — from media groups such France's Canal Plus, Germany's Bertelsmann and Italy's Mediaset — and a Hollywood studio. Goldman Sachs is handling the sale for Seagram, with the PolyGram camp represented by Société Générale Bannon.

PolyGram Filmed Entertainment, headed by Michael Kuhn, was put on the block two weeks ago after its Dutch parent company was bought for $10.6 billion by Seagram, the Canadian drinks group that owns Universal Studios. The indication that top management are prepared to stay is vital to Seagram in getting a full price for PolyGram. Many key producers have yet to renew their contracts.

The sale provides a rare opportunity to buy a 1,500-strong film library and a valuable distribution business.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Pru raises Malaysian insurer stake to 51%

PRUDENTIAL, the UK's biggest insurer, has increased its stake in the Malaysian insurance company Berjaya Prudential Assurance Berhad (BPAB) at a cost of £34 million. Prudential now owns a 51 per cent stake in the company, an increase of 21 per cent. The life insurance company denied that it was taking advantage of depressed stock prices to increase its stake. Instead, Prudential pointed out that there had been changes in legislation recently to allow foreign companies to increase their interests in Malaysian companies.

The Malaysian insurer, which is the third biggest in the country, has a salesforce of 6,000 and has been managed by Prudential since the inception of the business in 1924. Sir Peter Davis, the Prudential's group chief executive, said: "We are delighted to be able to increase our equity interest in BPAB. This is very much in line with our positive long-term view of the country and of the region." Approval has been obtained also to change the name of the company to Prudential Assurance Malaysia Berhad. SBC Warburg Dillon Read has advised Prudential Corporation on the acquisition.

Cheer for Costain

COSTAIN, the construction group plagued by financial woes, had better news for shareholders at its annual meeting yesterday, reporting current trading in line with expectations. John Armitt, chief executive, said: "As previously reported, the company's financial difficulties in 1997 have led to a reduced order intake during the first part of 1998. However, we are now winning some valuable contracts and, aided by Skanska's involvement in the company, we continue to witness an increase in the number and quality of invitations to tender for contracts, which is encouraging." The shares stayed at 38½p.

White Paper backed

GOVERNMENT plans on union recognition were backed yesterday by the union representing Post Office and BT workers. The national conference of the Communication Workers' Union voted to support the *Fairness at Work* White Paper. Derek Hodgson, general secretary, said the proposals on union recognition and the right to take industrial action without fear of being sacked were "the first step along the path to re-establishing a fair and just working environment for all British workers".

Hawtal's quantum leap

SHARES in Hawtal Whiting, the business support services group, rose 7p to 74½p after the company said that although it still plans to report a loss for the year to December 31, 1997 "the quantum of this loss will be lower than market expectations." The company said reorganisation in Britain and America has resulted in delays in the preparation and audit of the 1997 accounts. Hawtal Whiting also announced that its Environmental Unit signed its first licence agreement for Evec, its exhaust emission control technology.

US unemployment steady

THE American unemployment rate in May held steady at a 28-year low of 4.3 per cent, the Government revealed yesterday. Payroll employment outside the farm sector climbed 296,000 after upwardly revised growth of 302,000 in April, surpassing Wall Street's expectations. Job gains occurred in the service sector, including retail and financial services. Jobs were lost, however, in the manufacturing sector, which appeared to suffer from weakened American exports brought about by the Asian economic crisis.

SMP to sell centre

SCOTTISH Metropolitan Property has agreed to sell the Loreburne shopping centre, Dumfries, to Bourne End Properties for £8.875 million, in line with current book value with completion on June 26. The company said it would receive £8 million in cash with the balance of £875,000 payable by the issue at 60.95p a share of 1,435,603 new shares in Bourne End. Scottish Metropolitan is restricted from selling the new Bourne End shares for a period of six months. Loreburne centre has a current gross income of £840,000 a year.

U&S buys headhunter

UPTON & SOUTHERN, the department stores group based in Middlesbrough, has bought Garner International, a London firm of headhunters for £985,000. Ron Trenter, chairman of U&S, said the acquisition was made to help U&S find managers and to help it expand into a less cash-intensive business. Garner International was founded by Andrew Garner, who joins U&S's board as executive deputy chairman. He retains 49.1 per cent of Garner International, with the right to buy U&S out if the parent company changes hands.

AMV telemarket deal

ABBOTT MEAD VICKERS, the advertising agency, has acquired Telecom Express, a telemarketing company, for a maximum of £15.2 million. Under the terms of the deal, AMV has made a first payment of £4 million, and will make a series of five additional payments of up to £11.2 million, depending on the profitability of Telecom Express over five years to the end of 2002. Telecom Express provides telepublishing and response-handling services for large companies. It earned pre-tax profits of £763,000 in 1997.

Bid talks at Forward

BID talks which were off are now back on at Forward Technology, the electronic publishing company. Yesterday Forward said discussions that may have led to an offer being made for the company, first disclosed on April 1, had been terminated. However, talks were now under way with another potential bidder for the company. The shares were little changed at 13½p yesterday, compared with a 100p high in 1996, valuing the business at £4.5 million.

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CHANGING TIMES

FSA bans traders who lured clients with Soros line

BY RICHARD MILES

THE Financial Services Authority yesterday bared its teeth for the first time when it banned two foreign exchange traders who had lured investors into irregular deals with the line "Do you want to be George Soros?".

James Okarimia and William Newton, of Global Foreign Exchange Corporation, were disqualified from the investment industry on the grounds that they were not fit and proper for employment in it.

Global was wound up last June after the FSA obtained injunctions restraining it from carrying on further investment business and freezing its assets. It owes creditors an estimated £228,804.

The company's foreign exchange business was based on what its directors, Mr Okarimia and Mr Newton, claimed was a loophole in the law — that firms dealing in derivatives of seven days' duration or less do not need authorisation to operate. By stringing together a number of seven-day derivatives, Global provided speculative spot foreign currency trading services, largely to private investors contacted by mailshot from July 1995.

UK regulators subsequently issued guidance that let firms conduct such business if they gained authorisation. However, Global continued to trade without authorisation and became insolvent.

A tribunal set up by the FSA to hear the cases of the two men found that they were "reckless in the extreme, and showed a total disregard for the obligations that are placed on those who have the custody of others' assets".

Thames to sign deal with MoD

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THAMES WATER is about to make its first move into water competition with a £20 million deal to supply a garrison town in Wiltshire.

Ian Byatt, the water regulator, yesterday signalled that he wanted to approve a 20-year contract between Thames and the Ministry of Defence for the town of Tidworth.

The town straddles areas served by Wessex and Southern Water but it has its own water and sewerage system which has been operated by the MoD.

Owing to technical constraints, full competition in water supply is unlikely to happen. But increasingly companies have been striking deals for self-contained sites such as factories and MoD land.

Mr Byatt has opened the plan to consultation before making a final decision.

Fortis may raise offer for bank

BY RICHARD MILES

THE takeover battle for Generale Bank of Belgium intensified yesterday when Fortis, the Dutch-Belgian financial group, indicated that it may increase its current offer of £7 billion.

Fortis shareholders gave their approval for additional capital to enable the company to trump the £7.5 billion bid from rival ABN Amro by up to 15 per cent. But Fortis emphasised it was not committed to raising its bid.

ABN Amro, the Dutch bank whose offer is worth approximately 10 per cent more, said: "Fortis has asked permission to load the cannon, but we have not heard a shot."

Fortis says it has support from 40 per cent of Generale shareholders and is offering seven shares for three. ABN Amro's counter-bid is 19 shares plus BFr 9,000 (£145) for each Generale stock.

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R-R could still drive a hard bargain

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

The sale of Rolls-Royce Motors has been an undignified affair. Even after yesterday's decision to pass the hallowed marque to Volkswagen, the sale seems unlikely to purr along as a Roller should. Rolls-Royce plc can still choose to scatter a few tacks in its path.

Faced with competing bids of £430 million and £360 million for the car business, Vickers shareholders yesterday took the predictable decision but by no means unanimously. Amazingly, more than a quarter of the votes cast wanted the company to forgo £70 million and accept the BMW offer instead of the higher one from Volkswagen. Clearly car snobbery goes deep.

Patriotism may go even deeper but shareholders did not have the option of a bid that would have kept the Roller British. While Michael Shrimpton played a fine game of bluff, he and his fellow Rolls-Royce fans simply could not raise the backing to buy the business. And since much of the money that was being lined up appeared to hail from abroad, the credentials of Crewe Motors as a potential saviour of a great British company were at least debatable.

So the Beetlemaker won the day. Ferdinand Piech, the Volkswagen chief, is enamoured of luxury cars and has indicated that he would like to put Lamborghini and Bugatti in his garage alongside Rolls-Royce. His determination to acquire the latter became obvious this week as he ladled out a generous £120 million to buy the Cosworth engines business from Vickers. Cosworth makes the engines for some Bentleys and used to put the power into Rolls-Royces.

But the blunt truth is that Rolls-Royce plc wanted BMW to win the battle for Rolls, not Volkswagen, and R-R plc does have some say in the matter. The aero-engine manufacturer contends that, as the former owner of the car company, it has the right to withhold the name and trade marks from any foreign purchaser and the European Commission has accepted this reading of history.

Sir Ralph Robins, the R-R plc chairman, had no xenophobic objections to BMW. This was naturally due to his conviction that the company had the technical expertise to nurture Rolls-Royce and the market position to enhance the brand. The fact that the two companies are joint venture partners is relevant only in that it has enabled R-R plc to fully appreciate BMW's qualities.

The intimation is that Volkswagen is a very different beast from BMW. Heaven knows what it might do to the integrity of the Rolls-Royce brand and how that would reflect on the reputation of the aero-engine business. Whisper it, but Volkswagen has been in partnerships with Skoda. It is enough to bring a respectable engineer out in a fit of the vapours.

But there may be a way for Herr Piech to convince Sir Ralph of his honourable intentions. Rolls-Royce plc is used to receiving nothing, other than the glory, for allowing its name to be attached to motor cars. Now it would appreciate a little something in return — maybe even quite a lot. Vickers shareholders may have given VW the go-ahead, but the real haggling is about to begin.

The benefits of compensation

The costs involved in tendering for contracts are one of the gambles in commercial life. Advertising agencies can invest many thousands of pounds in pitching for an account and construction companies are used to seeing work wasted on projects which go to rivals.

The members of the consortiums that would like to help sort out the problems of the Benefits Agency are not strangers to the concept of tendering. Yet they are apparently nearing despair over the Government's treatment of their efforts. After investing millions in drawing up plans as to how they could outsource much of the work of the Agency, they have been asked to vary the approach. There is a growing suspicion that the implications of the ideas they have put forward may have frightened the Government so much that it is on the brink of abandoning plans that might have saved fortunes.

The savings would be bought at the cost of many thousands of jobs. While the Government continues to urge the private sector to greater productivity, turning tiers of civil servants into potential clients of the agency they once served is not an attractive proposition.

But if the very concept of outsourcing is being questioned, the consortiums are within their rights to feel aggrieved at the loss of the money they put into their preliminary reports. Construction companies began to feel this way over some contracts which were offered in the earlier days of the Private Finance Initiative. The Paymaster General, Geoffrey Robsinson, appeared to understand their grievances. The multi-millionaire businessman would not have wanted his firms investing in lost causes, would he? So he declared that there should be compensation for those that spent time and effort tendering for projects which were then abandoned.

Perhaps the Benefits Agency should bear such reasoning in mind as it considers the next stage of its plans. Within the Agency, antipathy to creeping privatisation is strong enough without the prospect of widespread job losses. Transferring all the properties to Prime was a move cost-conscious consultancies would almost certainly have advocated. But it is not proving comfortable for the tenants.

The Hollywood treatment

Hollywood could yet try to snatch away PolyGram Filmed Entertainment from under the noses of European film executives. With an asking price of over $1 billion, it looks like an acquisition fit only for a company with plenty of spare cash and a large appetite for risk, a cue for Hollywood moguls to step forward.

Rumours that 20th Century Fox and Warner Brothers are looking to take a stake are no surprise. They would probably try to buy the whole company if not for the inevitable battle with nit-picking regulators and outraged European film buffs. The most likely scenario now is a joint bid with a European media company such as Bertelsmann or Canal Plus and a major Hollywood studio, which could turn out advantageously for both. Most European companies would find it difficult to justify forking out $1 billion for a cash-hungry (and loss-making) business. The financial might and expertise of a Hollywood studio might assuage shareholders' fears that such an acquisition would be akin to throwing money into a black hole.

With Hollywood on side, PolyGram's ambition to make more films, and bigger-budget ones, to ensure at least one blockbuster a year, looks achievable. The question remaining is which European company will have the nerve to pull off such a deal? Rumour-mongers are suggesting that Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Communications, could be tempted. He might look, but such a daredevil jump seems highly unlikely.

Side-tracked

KAREL VAN MIERT is just one man in Brussels but he can block the way of a mighty juggernaut at whim. His latest intervention, in the £24 billion merger of the two US telecoms companies MCI and WorldCom, has been made with the usual relish. As BA and American Airlines approach the second anniversary of their attempts to get together, they must hope the EU Competition Commissioner does not let the telecoms issue distract him for long.

Motorola to shed 15,000 employees

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

MOTOROLA will cut 15,000 jobs worldwide this year to fight problems in the semiconductor market. The layoffs, affecting 10 per cent of the workforce, will cost the company $2 billion (£1.2 billion) and foreshadow similar cuts across the industry.

After its shares declined almost 50 per cent over the past year, Motorola has opted to exit non-core businesses and write down assets to make a new start, the company that is best known for its mobile phones said yesterday.

Motorola's setback contrasts starkly with the rise and rise of the rest of America's high-tech sector. Computer company share prices have increased in line with the considerable increases in the memory power of microchips which have grown 100 per cent on average every 18 months.

But Wall Street analysts are cautioning that Motorola's competitors may face similar billion-dollar charges. Intel and Hewlett Packard have said in recent weeks that earnings would disappoint. The main reason for the problems in the industry are continuing price wars that have kept chip prices down for several years. In addition, economic woes in Asia have held down a market that promised to boost demand.

Motorola was affected by these problems, but it has also suffered from additional home-made difficulties. Production problems have slowed its efforts to bring out digital mobile phones to compete with Nokia and Ericsson.

Charles Galvin, Motorola chief executive, said: "It's really quite severe. We didn't realise it at the beginning of the year when people said that the semiconductor industry would grow at 17 per cent. Now it's going to shrink by 2 per cent, and we didn't anticipate that."

He said the estimated $750 million in cost savings in 1999 would allow the company to invest further in its telecommunications businesses.

Motorola declined to give details of the proposed restructuring. About 40 per cent of the expected charges will come from the consolidation of manufacturing facilities, and 30 per cent from cutting unprofitable operations.

Mr Galvin said: "We're going to shed the things that are not profitable and focus on core competencies. We are certainly dedicated to creating a new Motorola."

If the Asian economies that have spurred much of the company's growth over the past decade begin to stabilise, the company expects improved financial performance in the second half of the year. He said it was "clearly time to accelerate the implementation of our renewal plan".

In the first quarter, the company's net income fell to $180 million compared with $325 million in the comparable period a year earlier.

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Hostile bid brewing for Ushers of Trowbridge

BY MARTIN BARROW

USHERS of Trowbridge, the regional brewer, revealed yesterday it had received "unsolicited approaches" that could lead to an offer being made for the company.

Shares in Ushers rose 25½p to 127½p yesterday, above their flotation price of 110p. At this level the company is capitalised at about £126 million.

The Ushers board has made it clear that any takeover bid would be fiercely contested unless it was made at a significant premium. The identity of the potential bidder was not disclosed.

The announcement comes after Thursday's disclosure by Vaux, the brewing and hotels group based in Sunderland, that it had also received a "totally unsolicited" bid approach. Vaux, which is worth around £500 million, urged shareholders to take no action, saying prospects for the company were "excellent".

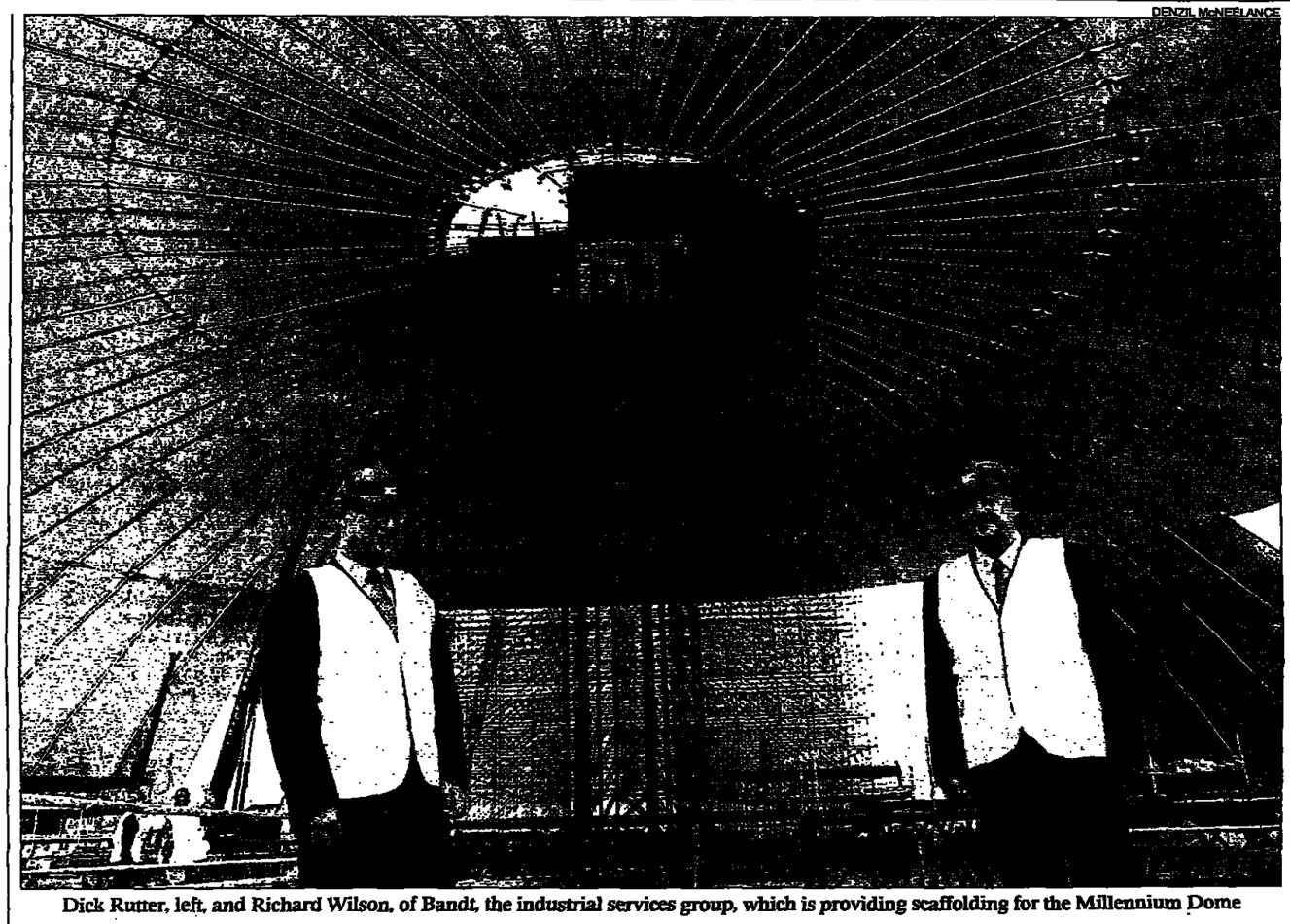
The approach for Ushers comes as the company attempts to rebuild confidence after disappointing since its flotation in 1997.

Ushers this week announced it had won a licence to brew and market the German Löwenbrau beers in the UK.

It also posted a big rise in its pre-tax profits for the six months to April 30 to £6.1 million (£5.6 million). Sales increased from £32.4 million to £37.7 million.

Earlier this year the company raised $80 million (£49 million) by way of a private debt placement in America, enabling it to refinance its UK debts at lower interest rates.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Dick Rutter, left, and Richard Wilson, of Bandt, the industrial services group, which is providing scaffolding for the Millennium Dome

Dome helps Bandt back into black

BY GEORGE SIVELL

BANDT, which provides scaffolding and other industrial services to construction and manufacturing businesses, returned to profit last year, earning £5.4 million before tax in the 12 months to April 5, compared with losses of £4.8 million previously.

Adjusted earnings rose to 4.3p a share from 1.7p. The total dividend is lifted to 1.4p a share from 1.1p with a 1p final. Gearing remained low at 12 per cent and since the year end the company has raised £3.3 million with the sale of a site in Basingstoke.

The company has supplied between 30 and 40 tons of scaffolding to the Millennium Dome site.

Brokers yesterday raised forecasts for the current year of trading from £6.5 million to £7.25 million before tax on the back of the results.

Richard Wilson, chief executive, Dick Rutter, finance director, and the board said: "It has been an encouraging year, with good trading results from continuing activities against the background of completing the transition from our origins in pipeline and steel products distribution into an industrial services group."

Settlement reached with failed Park Foods bidder

BY FRASER NELSON

PETER JOHNSON, chairman of Park Foods, has settled his 18-month battle with Stuart Marks, a former director who was fired after a failed attempt to take the company over.

The food hamper company has agreed to pay Mr Marks £7.8 million to honour the loan note issued when it bought his Handling Solutions marketing company. He will not take legal action after his dismissal for "gross misconduct".

Mr Johnson, who has decided to work part-time at Park to concentrate on his chairmanship of Everton Football Club, said the matter had now been settled "satisfactorily".

The company intends to invest £2.5 million in its marketing division over two years with a call centre in Birkenhead which will create up to 1,000 jobs. It will also rename itself Park Group.

It also intends to relaunch Spuddles, the potato snack whose losses sank to £2.31 million (£362,000 loss) in the year to March 31 after a failed attempt to sell directly to the catering market.

This left pre-tax profits at £6.67 million (£9.61 million) for the period, and earnings of 2.77p (4.1p) a share. The company is holding the dividend at 2.98p. This will bring £3.08 million for Mr Johnson, who owns 64 per cent of the shares.

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Trafford Park tightens its defence against Green bid

BY GEORGE SIVELL

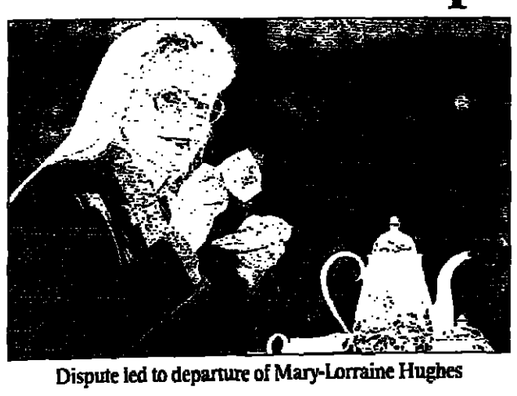
TRAFFORD Park Estates, the North West property group fighting off a bid from Green Property of Dublin, yesterday published a net asset value of 201p a share — 11p more than the current value of the cash alternative to the share bid.

The valuation of £181 million was prepared on a current open market basis by Lambert Smith Hampton and compares with a share price of 196½p, unchanged, for Trafford. The valuers also said that they could see a further value of potential development surpluses at 20p for each Trafford Park Estates share.

Sir Neil Westbrook, chairman of Trafford Park Estates, said: "Green's offer fails to take account of the substantial value that exists within our exciting current development programme and in our strategic land holdings and longer-term development sites. Consequently, I strongly urge shareholders to reject this offer as it patently undervalues the company."

Stephen Vernon, managing director of Green, said "The information provided by Trafford is in line with the estimates that we made in formulating our bid and it demonstrates our offer fairly reflects the value of the company." Shares in Green remained unchanged at 461p. Green said it continues to believe that Trafford Park should accept the offer.

Portmeirion pottery chief quits



Dispute led to departure of Mary-Lorraine Hughes

BY FRASER NELSON

THE chief executive of Portmeirion, Mary-Lorraine Hughes, has resigned after a dispute with the company's family shareholders about the future direction of the pottery firm.

The pottery, which has issued two profits warnings in the past ten months, said that Ms Hughes had decided to leave of her own accord. She was recruited four years ago.

Kami Farhadi, who, with two other directors, controls a 33 per cent stake in the company, denied arguments had arisen over how to recover from the trading downturn in its core US market.

"The disagreement was about philosophical matters — the way to recover from the current situation is a tactical matter. She felt she had to leave. She is a very strong character."

The company manufactures pottery in the UK but relies on exports for 60 per cent of its business. Its shares, which have lost 27 per cent of their value this year, eased a further 32½p to 242½p.

SDX discloses £115m offer approach

BY CHRIS AYRES

FOUR directors of SDX Business Systems, the computerised telephone switchboard manufacturer, who bought the company from Nortel in 1991, stand to share £23 million if the business is taken over.

SDX was yesterday forced to disclose that it had received an offer of 325p a share, valuing it at £115.4 million, after its share price surged past 331½p earlier this week. The shares traded at just 165½p in August last year. The identity of the bidder has not yet been revealed, but industry experts say America's Lucent Technologies and Siemens GPT of Germany are likely suitors.

Frank Bretherton, managing director, stands to make about £10.7 million on his stake, with Bob Kennedy, former finance director, making about £5 million. Jeremy Cooke, marketing director, will make £4.5 million, while Maurice Pinto, non-executive chairman, will receive about £2.6 million.

The company, which announces its interim results next week, made pre-tax profits last year of £4.35 million on sales of £45.3 million. Earnings per share were 8.2p, valuing yesterday's 325p a share offer at nearly 40 times historic earnings. Analysts said the value appeared high considering the highly competitive nature of the telecoms industry.

SDX has enjoyed huge success in the PABX (switchboard) market, taking market share from larger rivals such as Nortel, Siemens GPT, Lucent and Ericsson. The company has had success with CTI — computer telephony integration — which allows telephone services to be operated with computers.

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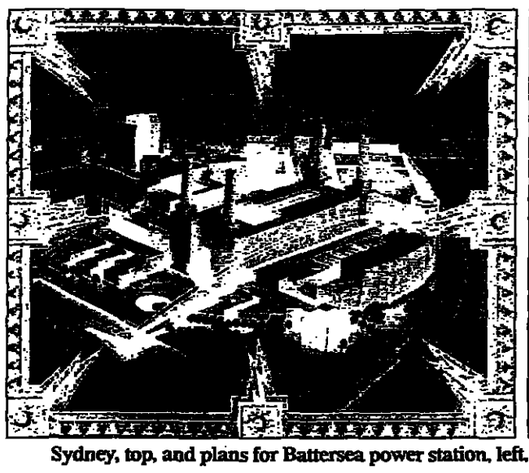
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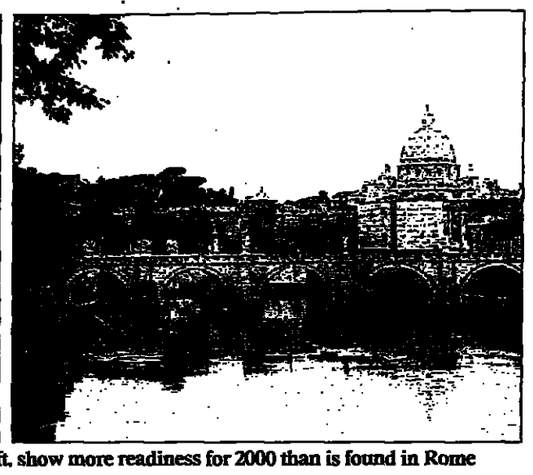
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Millennium headache is on the cards, one way or another

Alasdair Murray on the year 2000's power to move the world economy







Sydney, top, and plans for Battersea power station, left, show more readiness for 2000 than is found in Rome

A thriving market in doomladen economic prophecies has been created by the imminent arrival of the next millennium. Practitioners of the dismal science have tapped into pre-millennium tension, producing reams of reports predicting an apocalyptic meltdown in the world's economy once the clock strikes midnight on December 31, 1999.

Most of us are, by now, familiar with the potential fallout from the millennium bug — the computer systems failure that apparently threatens to end global capitalism as we know it. Companies may be spending up to £900 billion worldwide to try to rectify the problem, but economists believe that some computers will still crash as 2000 dawns.

With computer systems increasingly interdependent, just a relatively small number of failures could bring large parts of the global economy to a halt. It takes a brave economist to try to quantify this impact, but the suspicion is that systemic failures could knock as much as 2 per cent off global GDP growth — enough to send the world economy into recession.

There is another economic view of the millennium, however, which remembers that much of the world's population is looking forward to the biggest party in history. The Western half of the world at least — it is worth remembering that not everyone uses the Gregorian calendar — is expected to dedicate much of the year to drinking, eating, travelling and other displays of conspicuous consumption. The world economy is set to boom as companies rush to build millennium event sites, supply millennium-themed souvenirs and provide millennium meals.

The New Year holiday alone looks set to see the kind of spending spree that will make last summer's building society windfall shopping fest look like a puritan meeting. The banks are already worrying that there will be such a big rise in the use of cash machines just before the holiday that they will be unable to cope with demand.

Tales of restaurants, hotels and party venues raising their prices grossly already abound. Those who are not taking advantage of the promised extra holiday will be demanding premium prices for their services. Analysts predict that bar and catering staff, minicab drivers and babysitters will be able to charge four times the normal rates for their work. The impact on consumer spending, wage inflation and economic growth can only be guessed at, but it is already clear that the Office for National Statistics and the Bank of England are going to suffer a thumping post-millennium headache in trying to make any sense out of the economic data.

Although the peak spending levels of the New Year period are unlikely to be repeated during the rest of 2000, most Western countries have been busy arranging the kind of festivities that are likely to keep consumer spending high throughout the first part of the year.

In California, they are busy building a 4,500-acre party site, complete with 2,000 cement barbecues, which is expected to attract 2.5 million people. Four million people are expected to greet the new millennium by making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and 5.5 million visitors are expected to attend the Sydney Olympics.

Yet even these substantial numbers pale into insignificance compared with the projected attendances at some of the events being planned in Europe. In the UK, the much-maligned Dome is expected to attract 12 million visitors during the year. Organisers of the Rome Jubilee celebrations confidently predict that 15 million people will arrive in the Eternal City. Topping them all, however, is expected to be the Hanover Expo 2000, which the central German city hopes will attract up to 40 million people.

Allison Cottrell, chief economist of PaineWebber, the American investment bank, says that while some of these projections should be taken with a pinch of salt — the 40 million attendance in Hanover represents about half the population of Germany — 2000 is shaping up to be not just the year of the millennium party but the year of the international tourist. Even if the actual numbers prove disappointing to the event organisers, they are still likely to make a huge contribution to service sector growth during the year.

Add in the fact that existing attractions, such as Disneyland in Florida — which currently attracts 23 million visitors a year — are unlikely to sit by and lose custom, and it appears that most of us will be trying to take large chunks of 2000 as holidays.

This will not only have a big impact on service sector growth, but will also feed through into manufacturing and construction spending. There is already a large amount of infrastructure spending going into millennium projects. Britain has set aside £1.4 billion of lottery money to spend on developments ranging from the new Bankside art gallery and the redevelopment of Battersea power station to the reconstruction of the Mayflower at Portsmouth. This sum will be more than matched by myriad small ventures being put together by local authorities and private companies determined to spruce themselves up ahead of the new millennium. A fair proportion of this extra spending is already feeding through to the economy, but expect a rush as January 1 2000 approaches. After all, this is one date that is difficult to move. Construction workers, like IT staff tackling the millennium bug, are likely to be in short supply, playing havoc with the average earnings figures.

The danger is, however, that this millennium boom will quickly turn to bust. Ms Cottrell sees two specific risks. First, some places are simply not ready to handle the volume of extra visitors that the millennium is predicted to bring to them. Rome, a city that has just 40 public toilets, looks to be one of the most at risk. Its attempts to provide improved facilities for the expected huge increase in tourists have so far amounted to almost nothing. The city has managed to construct just one new carpark with room for 200 coaches and 800 cars, but has failed even to provide an access road for the new facilities. Italian pessimists are already predicting that Jubilee 2000 could prove as catastrophic as Jubilee 1450, when a newly constructed bridge across the Tiber collapsed and 200 people were trampled to death in the ensuing panic.

For the rest of Europe, however, it is the potential impact of the millennium boom on interest rates that will be most worrying. Europe is beginning to crawl out of recession, and most analysts expect the new European Central Bank to be considering making a rate rise in 1999. Millennium-related spending is going to provide a further boost to GDP growth and wage inflation. The European Central Bank, which, in its early years, is likely to want to prove that it is more hawkish than the defunct Bundesbank, will respond by raising rates even higher.

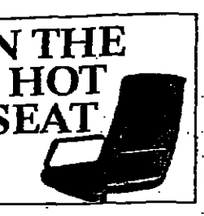
Worse, the Continent's largest economy, Germany, is likely to grow faster for longer as the German Government completes its hugely expensive move into Berlin. The on-going German boom could persuade the ECB to keep rates high just when the rest of Europe is grinding to a halt as consumers finally grow sick of the millennium, or simply run out of cash, and business begins to reveal the full cost of dealing with the computer problems.

There are a few countries in the West that might escape these problems. Switzerland has taken a purist view and decided the millennium really starts in 2001. Australia, which is hosting the Olympics, has also postponed the celebration, enabling Aussies to get in two years of partying. However, neither of these countries is likely to be big enough to drag the rest of the West out of recession.

It is likely to be left to Asia, which should have been busy producing while the profligate West is partying, to try to put the world economy back on track. However, few economists believe that any of the Asian economies will have recovered completely from the region's current financial crisis and they are felt unlikely to be able to carry the sagging West. The new millennium, it seems, will start after all with one almighty economic hangover.

The Railtrack link to friends in high places

IN THE HOT SEAT



Gerald Corbett's hot seat, at this moment, seems more like a comforting thermal that has elevated both the Railtrack chief executive and the company's share price. Since he took over as boss of the rail utility last September, Railtrack's stock has risen by more than a third in value. But this week, Mr Corbett has been riding even higher: a combination of bumper profits and a deal to take control of the Channel Tunnel rail link pushed Railtrack stock up more than £2 to yesterday's close of £14.07.

Mr Corbett has other reasons to feel confident. Railtrack has found favour in quarters where it was once enemy number one. During the last election, the return of Railtrack to the public sector was at the cornerstone of Labour's transport policy. In office, calls for nationalisation became muted but the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, berated Railtrack for inadequate investment in the network.

However, this week's rescue of the rail link brings Railtrack back into the corridors of power. On the morning after Mr Prescott's House of Commons announcement, a jubilant Mr Corbett said: "We want Railtrack to be at the centre of the Government's integrated tranport policy."

He seems to have achieved it. Railtrack has brokered a stunning deal. Thanks to some smoke and mirrors from HM Treasury, Railtrack is taking control of the project for a total estimated investment of £3.3 billion. Government guarantees will turn expensive junk bonds into gilt-edged instruments and underwrite the access charges to be paid by Eurostar, ensuring that Railtrack will be able to borrow on such keen terms that shareholders will not pay for the link.

Mr Corbett could still find himself in trouble. The feisty but diminutive chief executive admits that Railtrack is struggling to raise its game in the efficiency stakes. He arrived almost direct from Grand Metropolitan where he lost the job of finance director when the drinks and food group merged with Guinness. He picked up a glittering £600,000 redundancy package and moved into a company that had barely swept the dust of British Rail off the desktops.

In person, Mr Corbett comes over as a bluff, genial man of the type who can be found propping up a thousand golf clubhouse bars. But his outgoing personality disguises a shrewdness that can border on the devious. At Redland, where he was finance director before joining GrandMet, he was credited with running a treasury operation that ensured the company finances were used as tax-efficiently as possible, but which was entirely opaque to outsiders. He has never been good at presenting an image. He once promised his wife he would give up smoking. He was rumbled, with who knows what domestic repercussions, after being pictured, cigarette in hand, in a newspaper profile.

Mr Corbett wants to change attitudes, switch the focus of his subordinates from managing day-to-day crises to delivering target returns. His model is McDonald's, a company where every square inch of the production process is priced, timed, monitored and quality controlled.

Key to the smooth running of the tunnel project will be the co-operation of John Swift, the rail regulator, who will soon commence a review of the access charges that make up the bulk of Railtrack's income. Mr Corbett is, however, benefitting from a change in attitudes from Mr Prescott. Once the scourge of the rail fat cats, the Deputy Prime Minister now has every incentive to keep Sir Robert and Mr Corbett sweet. The company has only signed up to buy phase one of the rail link. If the rail regulator cuts up rough and squeezes Railtrack's income, Mr Prescott may find himself with an unfinished railway project.

Railtrack's profits are politically embarrassing. In a period in which it secured almost no improvement in train punctuality and was criticised by the Health and Safety Executive, Railtrack chalked up double-digit profits growth. A squeeze on the company's income would please commuters and train operators.

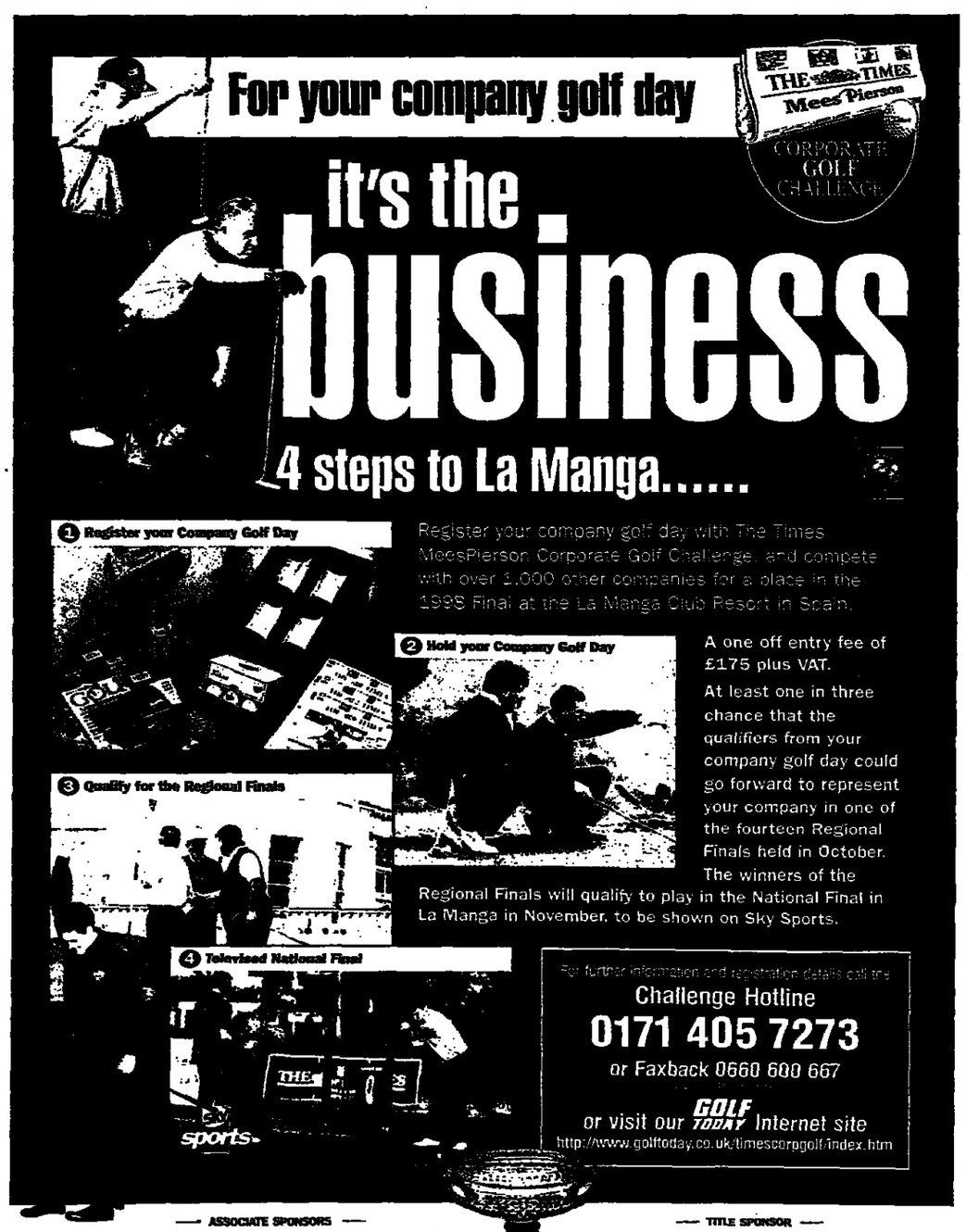
And, ironically, it could put Mr Prescott, Railtrack's new friend, in a pickle. Mr Swift's term of office ends in November and he has yet to hear whether he will be reappointed. Mr Corbett must show that he can deliver a rail project on schedule and Mr Prescott desperately needs a transport success in time for re-election. That puts three men in the hot seat.

CARL MORTISHED



CV: GERALD CORBETT

Born in 1951.
Married with four children.
Became finance director of Redland in 1987.
Finance director of GrandMet from 1994 until the merger with Guinness in 1997.
Non-executive director of MEPC from 1995 to 1997.
Appointed chief executive of Railtrack in September 1997 following the departure of John Edmonds.



Grave talk

A SCOOP for *Accounting & Business*, the house journal of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. The magazine claims to have secured a rare interview with Lord Benson, founder and first chairman of the International Accounting Standards Committee.

Benson, one of the profession's acknowledged greats, gives his own trenchant views on how accountancy is developing. He is particularly concerned about the tendency in Europe towards differential reporting, a trend that I confess had started to keep me awake at nights too.

So rare is the interview that it is the first that Benson, a scion of the Coopers side of Coopers & Lybrand, has granted since his death in 1995. We learn that Lord Benson still believes that accountancy is the most exciting profession in the world — which does not say much for life on the Other Side.

☐ *AS I write there are grown men and women from City firms pretending to be table football teams on the ice rink at Broadgate, while the Corney & Barrow croquet tournament takes place around the corner at the Circle. Now I hear that 32 teams from the City are competing from Monday week at Hay's Galleria in the Côtes du Rhône Pétanque Challenge, a five-day knockout French boules competition. Don't any of you have any work to do?*

Hedge fun

SOMETIME around next Thursday week this column is going to be declared a World Cup-free zone, but for now my patience is holding. Just. The Goldman Sachs economics team has produced a guide to all 32 teams, and a report on football, the economy and politics in each country with correlations between the three.

The team has tried to predict the winners but has restricted its forecast to the teams that will reach the semi-finals. Of which there are five: Brazil, France or Italy, The Netherlands and Yugoslavia. I tell Jim O'Neill, Goldman's managing director, that it is just like an economist to hedge his bets like this. He claims, improbably, that as a global player his company dare not show bias. "If pushed, Yugoslavia would be my outside tip — Brazil's nowhere near as strong as seems to be the consensus opinion," he says. "But because Man United aren't in it, I'm not bothered who wins."

☐ *I AM indebted to ICL for what must be the understatement of the year. The company has just won a telecoms and computers contract with the Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Ukraine. Emphasising the importance of the work, ICL explains that "the Chernobyl nuclear accident in 1986 demonstrated the importance of nuclear safety".*

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Femme fatale

A NEW broom has arrived at FT Finance, the Pearson subsidiary that publishes *Investors Chronicle* and various banking and insurance magazines. (It used to be called Pearson Professional, until someone pointed out that this made the rest of Pearson sound unprofessional. As if.) Suzanna Taverne had quite a history even before her arrival at Pearson as a strategist. Daughter of Lord Taverne, the proto-Liberal Democrat, she is a former merchant banker at SG Warburg and a former finance director for the company that published *The Independent*.

She is also the woman who took Maurice Saatchi's scalp. Recruited by Saatchi & Saatchi to conduct a strategic review, she then allied herself with various of his enemies, including David Herro, the instigator of the fatal shareholder revolt. Exit Maurice.

MARTIN WALLER

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STOCK MARKET



MICHAEL CLARK

Stock Market Writer of the Year

City ignores interest rate rise to end on high note

INVESTORS continued to shrug off the latest rise in bank base rates with share prices ending the week strongly.

The FTSE 100 grew in confidence as the day wore on helped by a 100 point-plus surge in the Dow Jones industrial average in the wake of stronger than expected US employment numbers. It closed at its best of the day with a rise of 86.5 at 5,947.3, stretching the lead on the week to 76.6. By contrast the FTSE 250 Index was just 13.0 up at 5,934.6 by the close.

Trading conditions proved thin and this was reflected in the turnover with 749 million shares changing hands.

Speculative buying hoisted **Zeneca** 110p to £26.28 and **SmithKline Beecham** 19½p to 668½p buoyed by reports of further consolidation within the industry. Sweden's Astra is said to be ready to buy the remaining 50 per cent of a venture held jointly with Merck in the US. But Crédit Lyonnais, the broker, is urging clients to sell Zeneca into any signs of strength. It reckons the shares are overvalued. That is a view also supported by Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, which prefers SB.

Laing is also taking a bearish line with **Smith & Nephew**, up 1¾p at 174p, after a meeting with the company that failed to impress.

Railtrack got off to another cracking start with the price reaching a record £14.52 before the profit takers moved in to reduce the lead to just 11p at £13.95. But plans to invest more than £4 billion in phase one of the Channel Tunnel high-speed rail link and results have pushed the shares 203p up on the week.

Boots continued to benefit from Thursday's profit numbers with a jump of 44½p at £10.28½. Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, has set a target price of £11, while rival Société Générale Securities sees the shares reaching £10.60.

The strong pound and rising interest rates were again taking their toll on the engineering sector. There were losses for **Glynwed International**, down 15p at 283½p, **BBA Group** 17½p to 497½p, **Bodycote** 22½p to £12.42½, **Dominick Hunter** 8½p to 386½p, **IMI** 24½p to 474½p, and **Mckechnie** 11p to 541½p.

Cadbury Schweppes advanced 31½p to 981½p with with the price steady at 232½p. The group is known to have been in talks with German publisher Axel Springer.



Lord Daresbury saw shares of Greenalls rise by 10½p.

Carlton Communications 18p better at 528p after being tipped earlier in the week by Merrill Lynch, the broker.

United News & Media, publisher of *The Express*, jumped 28p to 940p with Schroders' broking arm said to be pushing the stock. The on-off bid talks at **Mirror Group** appear to have subsided, at least for the time being.

Ushers of Trowbridge, up 25½p at 127½p, has become the second company in the brewery sector in as many days to receive a bid approach. As in the case of Vaux, it described the approach as "unsolicited" but said it could lead to a recommended offer being made for the company.

Morlands, of "Old Speckled Hen" fame, surged 38½p to 457½p as HSBC James Capel, the broker, moved its recommendation from "hold" to "add".

The cost of failure can be high as fans and shareholders of Newcastle United are begining to find out. The trophy cabinet is empty after fighting relegation in the Premiership and losing to Arsenal in the FA Cup Final. The shares fell 4p to a new low of 75p, compared with last year's flotation price of 135p.

Vaux Group held steady at 345p with **Stakis**, down 2½p at 132½p, being tipped as the likely bidder for the Sunderland pub and hotel chain. Brokers said the bidder will covet Vaux's Swallow hotel chain. Vaux, which has described the approach as "unsolicited", carries a price tag of £509 million.

The rest of of the sector saw some useful gains backed up by those two bid approaches and stock shortages. **Compass Group** surged 55½p to £12.30 with **Whitbread** 36p better at £10.25, **Fullers** 15p to 517½p, **Greene King** 10p to 757½p, **Burtonwood** 6p to 189½p, **Marston Thompson & Evershed** 11½p to 359p. **Luminar** 30p to 955p, and **Yates Brothers** 9p to 550p. **Greenalls**, where Lord Daresbury is chief executive, also rose 10½p to 532p.

Northern Food stood out with a rise of 6p to 235p ahead of full-year figures next week. The group has already forecast pre-tax profits of at least £93 million after the successful demerger of **Express Dairy**, 11p higher at 177p, earlier this year.

The **Personal Number Company** continued to benefit from this week's better than expected results with the price adding 5p at 44½p.

When one door closes another opens at **Forward Technology**, up ¾p at 13½p. No sooner has the group broken off bid talks with one potential suitor, than another steps into the breach. The electronic publishing group is valued at £4.5 million.

The second profits warning this year accompanied by the resignation of Mary-Lorraine Hughes as chief executive left **Portmeirion** 32½p lower at 242½p.

This week's newcomer **Game** lost some of its early impetus with the price closing 12p down at 218p following a placing at 200p. Merrill Lynch has initiated its coverage of the stock with a "neutral" recommendation.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Bond prices continued to lick their wounds in the wake of this week's quarter point rate rise to 7.5 per cent — the sixth such rise since the Labour Government came to power. The worst of the losses were seen among shorter-dated issues that are more interest-rate sensitive than longer dated stocks.

But the market enjoyed a late fillip from the strong than expected rise in the US employment numbers. These were seen by US Treasury bonds as perversely positive. But prices generally traded in narrow limits for much of the session.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt closed £0.09 better at £109.17, while among conventional issues Treasury 7.25 per cent 2007 was £0.04 up at £110.73.

□ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street was buoyant in early trading spurred by a report showing the US economy remained robust, with inflation still at bay. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 96.90 at 8,967.46.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
Railtrack	£13.95	+203p	Results/Channel link
MFI Furniture	85p	+6p	Bid speculation
Powerscreen	58½p	-44p	Heavy losses forecast
Tinsley Robor	177½p	+29½p	Bid approach
Filofax Group	161½p	-17½p	Bid talks terminated
Future Integrated Tele	34½p	-17p	Heavy losses forecast
Theo Fennell	57½p	-13p	Profits warning
Ushers Trowbridge	127½p	+36p	Bid approach
Vaux Group	345p	+54½p	"Unsolicited" bid approach

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	8967.46 (+96.90)
S&P Composite	1105.63 (+10.80)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	15323.43 (-103.04)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	8569.47 (+11.04)

Amsterdam:

AEX Index	1203.11 (+9.86)

Sydney:

AO	2642.8 (-15.6)

Frankfurt:

DAX	5688.50 (+96.02)

Singapore:

Straits	1168.46 (-19.28)

Brussels:

General	20006.56 (+294.58)

Paris:

CAC-40	4181.73 (+62.70)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1637.00 (+18.40)

London:

FT 30	3901.8 (+48.9)
FTSE 100	5947.3 (+86.5)
FTSE 250	5934.6 (+13.0)
FTSE 350	2897.7 (+35.20)
FTSE Eurotop 100	2872.48 (+52.78)
FTSE All-Share	2832.80 (+32.79)
FTSE Non Financials	2884.18 (+29.90)
FTSE Fixed Interest	144.07 (+0.34)
FTSE Govt Secs	105.35 (+0.11)
Bargains	58945
SEAQ Volume	749.3m
US$	1.6362 (-0.0066)
German Mark	2.9005 (+0.0028)
Exchange Index	103.6 (+01)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4747
£:SDR	1.2219
RPI	162.6 Apr (4.0%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	160.4 Apr (3.0%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Ambient Media	90	...
Ascot B	62	...
BTR Red Prf B	37½	...
Captain OM Watts (4)	5½	...
City North Group	154	...
Computacenter	757	...
Dimension Res Wrts	10	...
Dimension Resources	24½	...
Do Warrants	1½	...
Dresdner RCM	100½	...
Elderstrt Dwng VCT	95	...
Eskmuir Properties	238	...
GRE Red Prf B	20	...
Game	218	- 12
Hamleys B	22	...
ICM Computer	264½	...
Inter-Alliance	400	...
JWE Telecom	157½	+ 2½
James R Knowles	95½	- 1
Multi Equip Rental	13	...
Pennine Downg VCT	100	...
Quantica	149½	- 1
Taiwan IT GDR	131½	...
Taylor & Francis	236½	...
Thomson Travel	189½	- 2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ask Cntrl n/p (350)	107½	...
Hrdy Oil Gas (225)	12	...
John Lusty n/p (10)	¼	...
Silver Shield n/p (1)	½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Glenmorangie A	875p (+65p)
Carpetright	331p (+22p)
Express Dairies	177p (+11p)
GRE	389p (+21p)
Royal & Sun Al	674p (+33p)
De La Rue	304p (+13p)
Close Bros	875p (+32p)
Prudential	825p (+30p)
EMI	532p (+19p)
Carlton Comm	528p (+18p)

FALLS:

DFS Furniture	233½p (-14p)
Eurotherm	445p (-13½p)
BOC	940p (-20p)
BR Land	870p (-14p)
GKN	873p (-28p)

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TEMPUS

Risking an IT hangover

INVESTORS in UK computer shares have, for the last two years, been having the party of a lifetime. Stocks such as Misys, CMG and Logica have delivered phenomenal growth and in the last month alone, the IT sector has advanced by 17 per cent.

But in the wider world, things are looking ugly. Shares in Intel, the world's largest microchip producer, have *declined* by 17 per cent in the last month. Motorola says it is "extraordinarily cautious" about softening demand, while Hyundai of Korea is cutting back chip production worldwide.

Britain's chip factories are owned by the Koreans and the Japanese, allowing the market to take a relaxed view of these difficulties. The argument runs that our boys deal in computer services — they can afford to laugh at the problems in manufacturing. As peddlers of highly paid computer programmers, they claim they benefit if the machines themselves become cheaper.

Suppliers like BOC, which provides vacuum pumps, are clearly exposed. The distributors, headed by Premier Farnell and Electrocomponents, largely dismiss the threat posed by tumbling memory chip prices.

But if Motorola is right and demand for computers is slowing quickly, there will be a knock-on effect on the rates of growth that the computer services groups are expecting. And as the price of hardware falls, software packages will start to look expensive.

When the New York shock waves reach London they will hit an IT sector that looks vulnerable on 70 times historic earnings. This looks a good time for nervous investors to make a move to leave the party.

SDX

IF YOU have ever had to listen to an electronic female voice at the end of a telephone tell you "Your call is important to us", you should thank SDX Business Systems — experts at providing those infuriating computerised switchboards.

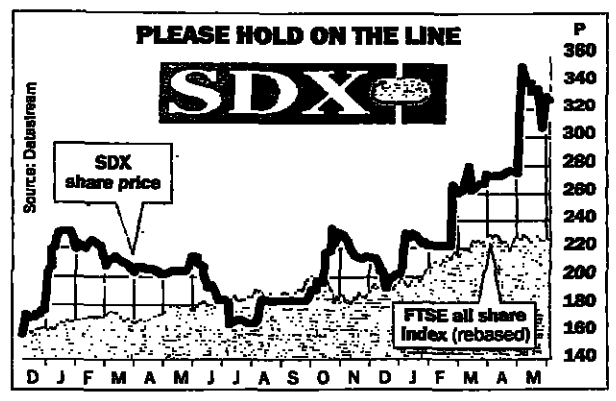
They appear also to be experts at making money. SDX, a management buyout from Nortel some years ago, has had great success at winning business market share from larger rivals.

At the heart of SDX's value-added services is INDeX, an ostensibly unique system that allows companies to converge their voice and data switchboard telephony with their PC systems. It sounds fantastic, but the telecoms equipment market is so competitive that products can become obsolete almost overnight. With this in mind, an offer of 325p a share looks attractive, even if it is below the recent peak.

The suggested price is nearly 40 times SDX's historic earnings, a rating that would not look out of place in the racy IT sector. Even forecast earnings of about 10.6p a share represent a multiple of about 30 times.

Remember, however, that SDX is growing at 25 to 30 per cent a year and with an injection of capital would be well placed to repeat its UK success in France and Germany.

SDX and its shareholders have no need to rush to accept the first offer they receive from the mystery bidder.



Zeneca

ASTRA'S decision to end its US joint venture with Merck breathed fresh life into one of the City's longest-running takeover rumours. Shares in Zeneca, whose value has grown by the odd £15 billion since it was first identified as a bid target, climbed back above £26 once again, rising 4.4 per cent on the day.

The official line from Sir David Barnes, Zeneca's chief executive, is that the strongly growing group looks forward to a prosperous independent future and that mergers can cause as many problems as they solve. The City responds: "He would say that, wouldn't he?"

An Astra-Zeneca merger has some undoubted attractions. Good arguments for combining the business can be found in the areas of asthma, heart disease and anaesthesia.

For example, Zeneca has a promising new asthma drug but no franchise in the area. It is the world number four in cardiovascular but it importantly lacks an angiotensin II inhibitor. Astra's A-II blocker coincidentally received its US approval on Thursday.

Hakan Mogren, Sir David's opposite number at Astra, has named Zeneca (along with Schering-Plough and Bayer) as his favoured merger partners. Sir David admires Astra's science and is more optimistic about their pipeline than the market.

None of this removes the problem of replacing the Losec sales that Astra may lose after 2001. Admirable as Zeneca is, hope of a deal is a risky basis on which to buy shares trading at 31 times forecast earnings.

Park Foods

IT IS tempting to put a sell recommendation on anything Peter Johnson touches. Everton football club and Nightfreight have hardly benefited from his magic touch. As for Park Foods, the Christmas hamper business where the Merseyside magnate made his fortune, his decision to relinquish his executive roles, coinciding with a move to Jersey for tax reasons, has not come a moment too soon.

The latest figures from Park can only be described as awful. The portfolio of businesses performs about as well as the Everton squad, and its Slaven Bilic has to be Spuddies, the fast food baked potato operation. It managed to lose £2.3 million while employing a mere 30 people — that's £77,000 each.

So will Park thrive with its founder in St Helier rather than Tranmere? Not necessarily. Johnson still owns 70 per cent of the shares and so will have a great influence on how Park is run. Until the speculation proves right and he sells part of his stake, Park's fortunes are unlikely to improve.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1071-1070	Sep	1179-1175
Sep	1096-1095	Dec	1193-1192
Dec	1117 BID	Mar	unq
Mar	1136-1135		
May	1148-1146		
Jul	1162-1160	Volume: 9827	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1780-1775	Mar	1689 SLR
Sep	1760-1755	May	1669 SLR
Nov	1732 BID	Jul	1654 SLR
Jan	1714-1708	Volume: 2498	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	254.2-52.7
Spot: unq		May	257.7-55.7
Aug	251.8-51.0	Aug	262.2-57.7
Oct	247.3-46.3	Oct	264.2-58.7
Dec	249.2-48.1	Volume: 642	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 4

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	66.42	134.33	86.77
(+/-)	-0.57	+2.54	+0.68
Eng/Wales:	66.42	134.25	85.92
(+/-)	-0.57	+2.73	+1.41
(%)	n/c	+21.0	+11.0
Scotland:	unq	138.04	91.28
(+/-)	--	-0.34	+0.37
(%)	--	-33.0	-36.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.95	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jul)	14.70	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	15.05	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	15.15	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	15.85	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	154 (+1)	158 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	120 (-1)	123 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	63 (-1)	65 (-1)
Naphtha	124 (+4)	126 (+3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	122.25-22.50	Sep	133.50-33.75
Jul	n/a	Oct	136.75-37.25
Aug	129.75-30.00	Vol: 18575	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	14.64-14.65	Oct	n/a
Aug	15.00-15.01	Nov	15.77 BID
Sep	15.29-15.32	Vol: 32499	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)

Jul	75.00
Sep	76.75
Nov	78.75
Jan	80.75
Mar	82.75
Volume: 68	

LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	73.50
Nov	75.50
Jan	77.50
Mar	79.50
May	81.00
Volume: 0	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	80.0
Mar		119.0
Apr	147.1	149.0
	Volume: 40	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jul 49.50-50.00

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 98	840	840	830
Jun 98	850	815	815
Aug 98	850	840	820
Oct 98	unq	—	935
Vol: 33 lots		Open interest: 1138	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1683.0-1684.0	1697.0-1696.0	1121375
Lead ($/tonne)	533.00-534.00	544.00-544.50	336825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1035.0-1036.0	1059.5-1060.0	381075
Tin ($/tonne)	6055.0-6060.0	5970.0-5975.0	20775
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1325.0-1326.0	1354.0-1354.5	1217075
Nickel ($/tonne)	4580.0-4585.0	4645.0-4650.0	56934

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
ASDA	180	16½	25	31½	4	10	14½
(*190½)	200	8	15½	22	13½	20	24½
Abbey Nat	1050	65½	111½	146	29	67½	85½
(*1077½)	1100	39½	86½	121½	54	92	110
All&Leic	800	47	84½	107	28½	58	69
(*812½)	850	24½	60½	82½	56½	84	94½
Alld Dom	600	26	53	62	18	35	45½
(*602½)	650	9	31	40½	51½	64	73½
BAA	700	28½	58	73	25½	40½	51
(*700)	750	11	34	50½	56½	69	78½
BAT Ind	550	53	72	90½	8½	27	37½
(*590½)	600	23½	48½	66	28½	52	62
Barclays	1600	114	177½	231	31	81	108½
(*1672½)	1700	58	126½	181	74½	129	157
Bass	1100	56½	96	117	40	60½	79
(*1108½)	1150	34	71	92½	67½	85½	104½
Boots	1000	54	92½	113	37	56	67
(*1026)	1050	33½	72	87½	62	79	91½
Br Airways	650	29	57½	76½	28	47	58½
(*657½)	700	12	36½	57½	61	76½	87½
BP	900	49	84	110½	26	55½	68½
(*914)	950	26½	60½	85½	53	81½	93½
Br Steel	140	13	18	19	5	9½	12½
(*151)	160	3	10	11	17½	21	24
C&W	700	48	77½	97½	25	46	58
(*719½)	750	25½	55½	73	52	72½	83½
CU	1050	79	127	148½	34½	76½	80½
(*1086½)	1100	53	102½	123½	58	101½	104½
GlaxoW	1600	120½	188½	241½	38½	90½	116
(*1673)	1700	65½	139	192	81½	139½	185
HSBC	1500	141	208	256½	37½	99½	124½
(*1592)	1600	83½	159½	208½	79½	149½	173
Halifax	850	48½	76	98	27½	46	54
(*865½)	900	26½	52	72½	53½	71	79
ICI	1050	74½	108	142½	22	56	67
(*1098½)	1100	45	82	120	42	78	91
Land Sec	950	48½	91	110	16½	40	52
(*974)	1000	22½	64½	83	40½	63	74
M&S	550	28	52½	66	14	27	35
(*563)	600	9	30½	42½	42½	51	58½
Natl Pwr	550	50½	80½	91½	10	25	34
(*586)	600	22	54½	66½	31	45½	57
Nat West	1050	79	121½	155½	23½	60	78
(*1099½)	1100	50	96½	131	44½	84	102½
Reed Intl	550	36	60½	73	17	35	38
(*567)	600	13½	38½	49½	44	58	64
Reuters	703	61½	93	—	13½	38	—
(*745½)	761	29½	63	—	38½	65½	—
Ryl&SunA	650	46½	75	95½	18½	37½	56
(*670)	700	23	51	71	45	64	81½
Safeway	360	26½	44½	53½	10	21½	27
(*375)	390	13	30½	38½	25	34½	41½
Sainsbury	500	29	50½	63	15	29½	34
(*513)	550	9	31	40	44½	54½	60½
Shell	420	37½	52½	62½	5	14½	19
(*450½)	460	13½	29½	41	19	31	36½
SmKl Bch	650	48½	83	105	22½	46½	60½
(*667)	700	26	58	81½	49	72½	86
Std Char	700	57½	95	121½	38½	63½	80
(*716)	750	35	71½	98½	65	89½	106
Thames W	1000	62	89	112	26½	46½	57
(*1039)	1050	36½	64	87	55½	71½	81½
Vodafone	700	77½	111	130	16	36½	50½
(*759½)	750	48½	83½	106½	34½	58½	74
Woolwich	324	26½	41½	—	9	20	—
(*339½)	354	12	29	—	24	35½	—
Zeneca	2600	129	237½	316½	85	158½	197½
(*2625)	2700	81½	187	266	138½	207½	246½
(*757)	800	34	56	75½	61½	79½	90
Redland	330	20	—	—	½	—	—
(*345)	360	½	—	—	15½	—	—
R-Royce	280	23½	34	41	13½	20½	24½
(*286½)	300	14½	24½	31	24	31	34½
Tesco	500	55½	69½	64	14½	26	30
(*534½)	550	28½	43	58	36½	46	53½
Utd Bisc	260	21	27½	33	7½	14½	17½
(*268½)	280	11	18	23	17½	24½	27½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BTR	177	26½	32½	—	5	10	—
(*196½)	201	12½	19½	—	14½	21	—
Blue Circ	360	41½	53½	60	13½	23	26½
(*384½)	390	24½	38½	45	27	37½	41
Br Aero	500	48	71	82	21	33	40½
(*522½)	525	34½	59	—	31	43½	—
Br Telcm	650	37	55½	71	34	46½	56
(*652)	700	17½	35	51	65	76½	85
Cadbury	950	78½	105½	133	33	49	60
(*981)	1000	53	80	107½	57	73	83½
Carlton Cms	500	49½	65½	82½	17	27½	31
(*532)	550	24	44½	57½	40	49	55½
Diageo	671	83½	—	—	18½	—	—
(*724½)	729	49½	—	—	42½	—	—
Energy Gp	800	41	41½	—	½	1	—
(*840)	850	½	2½	—	14½	18	—
Gallaher	300	33½	40½	46½	8½	18½	23½
(*321)	330	17	24½	31½	22	33½	38½
GEC	500	43	56½	70½	23½	37	45
(*514)	550	22	35	48½	52	65½	73
Hanson	360	24	34½	44½	15	22½	26
(*366)	390	9½	18½	29	31	37	40½
Imp Tob	460	27½	40½	47	18	26½	36
(*461)	500	11½	22½	30	43	49½	59
Kingfshr	1050	73½	108	138½	44	64	77½
(*1064½)	1100	49½	82½	113	69½	88½	101½
Lasmo	260	27½	39	45½	8	12	14½
(*278½)	280	17	28	35	15	19	23½
Ladbroke	330	26	36½	44½	18½	29	34
(*331½)	360	14½	24	31½	37	46½	51
LucasVar	260	19	29	35½	13	18½	23
(*263)	280	10½	20	26½	24½	29	33½
P&O	800	73½	92½	111	15	31	39
(*847)	850	43	64½	85	34	53	62
Prudentl	800	67½	92½	116½	44½	62	75½
(*810)	850	44½	69	92½	71½	88	107
Rio Tinto	750	56	78	98½	33½	54½	63

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
BG	306	16½	—	—	2½	—	—
(*321)	330	3	19	28½	12½	23	29½
BSkyB	420	27½	47½	60	3	20	29
(*444)	460	5	27½	41	20½	39	48
Br Bio	50	4½	10½	15	3½	8½	11
(*50½)	60	1½	7½	11½	10½	14½	17
Centrica	100	6½	12½	16½	1	4½	5½
(*105½)	110	2	7½	12	5½	9½	10½
Dixons	550	25	49½	64½	4½	27½	32½
(*570½)	600	2½	28	41	31½	55	57
EMI	500	37½	63½	81½	2½	26	37
(*530½)	550	9½	39	57½	23	51½	62½
Granada	1150	51½	100½	134	6	38½	57½
(*1194½)	1200	20	73½	107½	24	62½	80½
GUS	850	39½	80½	99	6	31½	48½
(*883)	900	11	54	73	27½	55	72
Lloyds TSB	850	49	96	125½	9	45½	61½
(*891½)	900	19	71	101	27½	70½	86
Lonrho	288	19½	31½	—	2	15	—
(*304½)	321	3	17½	—	18½	33	—
Norwich	420	38½	60	74	1	15	22½
(*456½)	460	10½	37	53	11½	31½	40
Orange	460	33	58½	77½	5	24	34½
(*488)	500	9½	41	57½	21½	43	54½
Railtrck	1350	69½	133	180	23½	78½	103
(*1397)	1400	39	106½	155½	42½	104	127
Scot Pwr	550	24½	59½	75	7	30½	39½
(*565½)	600	4½	35½	52½	36	57½	65½
Tarmac	120	5½	11	13	1	5½	8½
(*124)	130	1	6	8½	6½	11	14
Tomkins	330	19	29½	37½	2	12½	16½
(*347)	360	2½	13½	23	13½	28	32½
Unilever	700	18	56½	72	15	41	50
(*700½)	750	3	36	49½	50½	70	77

June 5 Total: 8215 Calls: 4867 Puts: 3348

FTSE INDEX (*5948)

Strike	Calls Jun	Calls Jul	Calls Aug	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Jul	Puts Aug	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
5800	200	294½	363	424½	588	40	102½	162	204½	277
5850	164	255½	333	394	—	53	116½	180½	223½	—
5900	128½	225½	303	363½	523½	68	138	199½	242	314½
5950	97	195½	272½	333	—	89	159	218½	261	—
6000	70½	165½	242½	302½	456	112½	179½	238	280	353½
6050	50	140	215	272½	—	142½	204½	262	300½	—
6100	33½	118	192½	249½	397½	178	232½	289½	326	399½

June 5 Total: 19213 Calls: 12520 Puts: 6693

*Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Jun 98	109.03	109.17	108.90	109.15	2341
Previous open interest 125665	Sep 98	109.31	109.51	109.14	109.45	62627
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Jun 98	107.95	108.07	107.95	108.02	16300
Previous open interest 95108	Sep 98	107.50	107.73	107.37	107.68	28478
Five Year Gilt	Jun 98	102.42	102.50	102.42	102.49	632
Previous open interest 7192	Sep 98	103.87	103.98	103.87	103.93	834
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 98	119.80	120.08	119.72	119.90	33348
Previous open interest 78242	Dec 98				106.31	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 98	133.86	134.00	133.85	133.92	1528
	Sep 98	134.00	134.06	133.93	133.97	2712
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 98	92.290	92.300	92.270	92.290	31380
	Sep 98	92.350	92.350	92.310	92.340	58598
Previous open interest 937197	Dec 98	92.530	92.540	92.470	92.510	80028
Three Mth Euromark	Jun 98	96.405	96.420	96.405	96.415	31431
Previous open interest 2454648	Sep 98	96.240	96.250	96.220	96.235	47720
Three Mth Eurolira	Jun 98	94.880	94.970	94.850	94.890	64624
Previous open interest 893472	Sep 98	95.600	95.650	95.530	95.560	67613
Three Mth Euroswiss	Jun 98	98.170	98.200	98.100	98.120	9740
Previous open interest 103583	Sep 98	98.110	98.130	98.060	98.090	26433
Three Mth ECU	Jun 98	95.730	95.755	95.730	95.755	205
Previous open interest 44760	Jul 98				95.755	0
FTSE 100	Jun 98	5880.0	5985.0	5870.0	5960.0	22342
Previous open interest 179041	Sep 98	5950.0	6037.0	5950.0	6035.5	3656

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7½ Finance Hse 8

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¾ Low 5 Week fixed: 7½

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 7¼ ; 3 mth 7¼ . Sell: 2 mth 7¼ ; 3 mth: 7¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	7½-7¾	7½-7¾	7½-7¾	7½-7¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	7¾-7¾	7½-7¾	7½-7¾	7¾-7½	7¾-7½
Interbank:	7¾-7¾	7½-7¾	7½-7¾	7¾-7½	7¾-7½

Overnight: open 7¾, close 6 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	7¾	n/a	7¾	7¾	7¾
Sterling CDs:	7¾-7¾	7½-7¾	7½-7¾	7¾-7¾	7¾-7¾
Dollar CDs:	5.55	n/a	5.58	5.64	5.78
Building Society CDs:	7½-7¾	7¾-7¾	7¾-7¾	7¾-7¾	7½-7¾

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £620m allotted: £100m: Bids: £98.20% received: n/a%: Last week: £98.24% received: 99%: Avge rate: £7.2198% last wk £7.0563%: Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	3⅝-2⅞	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	4-3
French Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3⅝	3½-2½
Swiss Franc:	2-1½	1½-1½	1½-1½	1½-1½	1½-½
Yen:	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $292.90-293.20 Close: $291.30-291.80 High: $293.35-293.85 Low: $290.80-291.30 AM: $292.20 PM: $290.70

Krugerrand: $292.00-294.00 (£178.50-180.50)

Platinum: $356.50 (£217.90) Silver: $5.215 (£3.185) Palladium: $290.00 (£177.25)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2655-3.2730	3.2679-3.2712	1½-1pr	3½-3¼pr
Brussels	59.750-59.930	59.781-59.879	22-17pr	62-56pr
Copenhagen	11.034-11.066	11.0457-11.055	¼-¼pr	1-½pr
Dublin	1.1463-1.1528	1.1488-1.1510	13-7pr	34-25pr
Frankfurt	2.8971-2.9043	2.8993-2.9023	1-½pr	3-2½pr
Lisbon	296.61-297.44	296.94-297.27	¼-½pr	2½-2½pr
Madrid	246.00-246.53	246.15-246.45	70-59pr	208-189pr
Milan	2854.4-2858.4	2854.4-2858.4	54-39pr	180-157pr
Montreal	2.3821-2.3911	2.3873-2.3895	0.57-0.51pr	1.14-1.05pr
New York	1.6356-1.6386	1.6356-1.6365	0.273-0.252pr	0.805-0.775pr
Oslo	12.180-12.303	12.180-12.188	¼-¼pr	¼-¼pr
Paris	9.7120-9.7420	9.7236-9.7306	3½-3¼pr	9½-9½pr
Stockholm	12.711-12.763	12.746-12.761	¼-¼pr	1½-½pr
Tokyo	227.27-228.47	228.18-228.47	1½-1½pr	4½-4pr
Vienna	20.381-20.435	20.400-20.423	¼-¼pr	¼-¼pr
Zurich	2.4105-2.4153	2.4105-2.4135	1½-1pr	3½-3½pr

Source: Extel

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.6611-1.6638
Austria	12.49-12.50
Belgium (Com)	36.61-36.66
Canada	1.4593-1.4598
Denmark	6.7631-6.7651
France	5.9557-5.9567
Germany	1.7760-1.7765
Hong Kong	7.7490-7.7500
Ireland	1.4193-1.4213
Italy	1748.50-1749.50
Japan	139.80-139.90
Malaysia	3.9975-4.0075
Netherlands	2.0016-2.0021
Norway	7.4772-7.4792
Portugal	181.89-182.02
Singapore	1.7030-1.7050
Spain	150.80-150.85
Sweden	7.7921-7.8021
Switzerland	1.4771-1.4781

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6355-1.6380
Australia dollar	2.7197-2.7228
Bahrain dinar	0.6100-0.6240
Brazil real*	1.8752-1.8779
China yuan	13.407-13.716
Cyprus pound	0.8401-0.8610
Finland markka	8.7200-8.8690
Greece drachma	485.00-497.10
Hong Kong dollar	12.6622-12.6677
India rupee	67.66-69.16
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4945-0.5075
Malaysia ringgit	6.5327-6.5503
New Zealand dollar	3.1740-3.1793
Pakistan rupee	71.10 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8875-6.0245
Singapore dollar	2.7827-2.7868
S Africa rand (com)	8.2830-8.4700
U A E dirham	5.9425-6.0805

Barclays Treasury * *Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,171	Legal & Gn	1,489
ASDA Gp	5,864	Lloyds TSB	5,619
Abbey Ntl	1,993	LucasVarity	2,085
Allied Dom	2,617	Marks Spr	5,504
Allnce & Leic	2,152	Nat Grid	2,207
Amvescap	563	Nat Power	4,229
AB Foods	584	NatWst Bk	1,465
Bk of Scot	1,243	Next	1,246
BAA	1,618	Norwich Un	5,581
Barclays	2,480	Nycomed Amr	145
Bass	2,339	Orange	3,654
BAT Inds	4,981	P & O	2,210
BG	2,761	Pearson	972
Billiton	1,433	PowerGen	1,512
Blue Circle	882	Prudential	5,630
BOC	1,166	Railtrack	5,929
Boots	4,792	Rank Group	607
BAe	2,189	Reckitt Col	496
BA	8,979	Reed Intl	5,719
Brit Energy	6,177	Rentokil	3,645
Br Land	1,548	Reuters	7,691
BP	11,081	Rio Tinto	1,006
Brit Steel	6,319	Rolls Royce	2,232
BSkyB	2,108	Royal & Sun	2,909
BT	8,967	Royal Bk Sct	1,395
BTR	4,446	Safeway	2,995
CGU	4,047	Sainsbury	4,778
Cable Wire	2,008	Schroders	88
Cadbury	1,951	Scot & New	2,020
Carlton Cms	4,318	Scot Power	1,533
Centrica	10,627	Svrn Trent	521
Compass Gp	1,716	Shell Trans	13,303
Diageo	2,847	Siebe	6,792
EMI	4,397	Smiths Ind	435
Energy Gp	164	SmKl Bch	26,534
Enterpr Oil	861	Std Chard	2,458
Gen Elec	3,177	Sun Life	131
GKN	3,787	Tesco	5,494
Glaxo Well	2,806	Thames W	1,503
Granada	1,871	Tomkins	1,394
GUS	1,059	Unilever	2,957
GRE	1,745	Utd News	1,949
Hays	435	Utd Utilities	1,663
ICI	1,036	Vodafone	7,316
Kingfisher	712	Whitbread	2,236
HSBC	1,740	Williams	2,088
Halifax	3,580	Wolseley	1,008
Ladbroke	1,881	Woolwich	1,832
Land Secs	911	Zeneca	1,216
LASMO	2,460		

WALL STREET

	Jun 5 midday	Jun 4 close
AMP Inc	37⅞	38⅛
AMR Corp	154¼	155⅞
AT & T	61¼	60¼
Abbott Labs	37⅛	36¾
Advanced Micro	18¾	18¾
Aetna Life	78⅞	79¼
Ahmanson (HF)	75¾	75
Air Prod & Chem	87¾	87⅛
AirTouch Comm	50¼	49¾
Albertson's	49¾	48¾
Alcan Aluminm	28⅛	28⅛
Allied Signal	42⅞	42⅛
Alum Co of Am	68⅞	68
Amerada Hess	55½	53¾
AEP	46⅞	47⅛
Amer Express	103¾	103⅞
Amer Genl Corp	68¼	68¼
Amer Home Pr	51½	50¾
Amer Intl	129⅞	129¾
Amer Online	83	81
Amer Stores	25⅛	24½
Amer Standard	45¾	46
Ameritech	43⅛	43¾
Amgen	62⅞	62⅛
Amoco	42¾	41½
Andrew Corp	21¼	21⅛
Anheuser-Busch	47¼	46¼
Apple Computer	26⅞	26⅞
Archer Daniels	20⅛	18¾
Armco	5⅞	5½
Armstrng Wrld	83¼	83½
Asarco	23¼	22⅞
Atl Richfield	80¼	79¼
Atmel Corp	13⅛	13¼
Auto Data Pro	64¼	64⅞
Avery Dennison	52⅛	51⅞
Avon Products	81½	81
Baker Hughes	37⅛	37¼
Baltim Gas & El	31½	31½
Banc One	56¼	55⅛
BankAmerica	83¼	83
Bank of NY	62	62⅛
Bankers Tr Crp	119⅞	118¾
Bausch & Lomb	50⅞	50¾
Baxter Intl	54¼	54
Becton Dicknsn	73⅛	72¾
Bell Atlantic	96¼	95⅛
BellSouth	67	66¾
Best Foods	57¼	56⅞
Black & Decker	56¼	55¼
Block (H&R)	43⅞	43⅛
Boeing	45⅛	45⅛
Boise Cascade	34¼	34⅛
Boston Scien	65⅞	64¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	109¾	108¼
Browning Ferris	36¼	34¼
Brunswick	29¾	29⅞
Burlington Nthn	96¼	95¾
CMS Energy Corp	44⅞	44⅛
CSX	47¼	46¼
CBS Corp	30⅞	30¾
Campbell Soup	56¼	56⅞
Carolina Pwr	42¼	42⅛
Case Corp	53¼	54⅛
Caterpillar	55⅞	55⅞
Central & SW	27¼	27⅛
Champion Intl	50	49⅞
Chase Manhat	137⅞	137⅞
Chevron Corp	81⅞	80⅞
Chrysler	56¼	56⅞
Chubb Corp	78¼	78⅛
Cigna Corp	68⅞	67⅞
Citicorp	156¼	154¼
Clorox	82⅞	82¾
Coastal Corp	69¼	67¼
Coca Cola	80¼	80⅞
Coca Cola Ent	38⅞	38¼
Colgate-Palm	88¼	87¼
Columbia Energy	85¼	84⅛
ColumbiaHCA	31¼	30⅞
Compaq Comp	28⅛	27⅞
Comp Ass Int	53¼	52⅞
Conagra	29⅞	29¼
Cons Edison	45⅛	44¼
Cons Nat Gas	58¼	58¼
Cooper Inds	62¾	62¾
Corning Inc	37⅛	37⅛
C'wide Credit	49¼	47¼
Crestar Finl	56	55⅞
Crown Cork	50¼	50
Daimler Bz ADR	101⅞	100⅞
Dana Corp	52⅛	51⅞
Dayton Hudson	49¼	48⅞
Deere	50¼	50⅛
Delta Air Lines	118⅞	117⅛
Deluxe Corp	34	33¼
Digital Equip	56¼	55⅞
Dillard Dept St	40¼	40¼
Disney (Walt)	112⅞	109⅞
Dominion Res	40⅛	40¼
Donelley (RR)	45⅞	45¼
Dover Corp	37¼	37¾
Dow Chemical	98¼	98⅛
Dow Jones	48¼	48
Dresser	45¼	44¼
Duke Energy	58½	58¼
Dun & Bradstreet	34¼	33¼
Du Pont	78¼	76¾
Eastman Chem	65¼	64⅞
Eastman Kodak	69¼	69
Eaton Corp	90⅞	89¼
Edison Intl	29⅞	30
Elect Data Sys	35⅞	35⅞
Emerson Elec	60⅞	60¼
Engelhard Corp	21¼	21⅛
Enron Corp	50¼	50¼
Entergy	27	27⅛
Ethyl Corp	6⅞	6⅞
Exxon	70⅞	70¼
FDX Holding	63¼	62¼
FMC Corp	76	75¼
FPL Group	62¼	62⅛
Fifth Third Banc	49⅛	48⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	82⅞	82⅛
Fluor Corp	48¼	48⅞
Ford Motor	55⅛	55¼
Fort James	46¼	46¼
Fortune Brands	38⅞	38⅛
Franklin Res	49⅞	48¼
GTE Corp	58⅛	58⅞
Gannett	66⅛	65¼
Gap Inc Del	59	56¼
Gateway 2000	48⅛	47¼
Gen Dynamics	45⅛	45¼
Gen Electric	83⅞	83¼
Gen Mills	70¼	69⅞
Gen Motors	74⅞	75⅛
Gen Reinsurance	224¼	222⅞
Gen Signal	41½	41¼
Genuine Parts	34¼	34
Georgia Pac	62¼	63⅞
Gillette	119	118¼
Glaxo Welc ADR	54½	54¼
Goodrich (BF)	50⅞	50¼
Goodyear Tire	69⅛	69⅞
Great Lakes	41½	41¼
Halliburton	46¼	45⅞
Harcourt General	54½	54⅛
Heinz (HJ)	54⅞	54½
Hercules	44⅛	43¼
Hershey Foods	71½	70⅛
Hewlett Packard	62⅛	61⅞
Hilton Hotels	31¼	31
Home Depot	77⅞	77⅛
Homestake Mng	10⅛	10⅞
Honeywell	84⅞	84⅛
Household Intl	46	45⅞
Houston Inds	29¼	29⅞
Humana	30⅛	30¼
Ikon Office	23	24⅛
Illinois Tool	66¼	65⅛
Illinova	29¼	29⅞
INCO	13¼	14
Ingersoll Rand	43	43¼
Inland Steel	29¼	29⅛
Intel Corp	69⅞	68⅞
IBM	117¼	116
Intl Flav & Fr	46¼	47⅛
Intl Paper	47⅛	47⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	70⅛	69¼
Kellogg	40¼	39⅞
Kerr-McGee	61⅞	61½
Kimberly-Clark	49¼	48¼
Kmart	19½	19⅞
Knight-Ridder	58	57⅞
Lilly (Eli)	63¼	61⅞
Limited Inc	33¼	32¼
Lincoln Nat	90¼	90⅞
Litton	59¼	59
Liz Claiborne	53⅞	52⅞
Lockheed Martin	110¼	109¼
Louisiana Pac	20¼	20⅛
MCI Comm	50¼	52¼
Manpower Inc	42⅞	43
Marketspan Cp	32⅛	32⅛
Marriott Intl	35½	34⅞
Marsh & McLen	86¼	86¼
Masco Corp	57½	57¼
May Dept St	64¼	63⅞
Maytag Corp	47⅞	47⅞
McDonalds	66¼	66½
McGraw Hill	79½	78⅛
Mead Corp	32⅛	32⅛
Medimmun Corp	27⅞	28¼
Medtronic	56⅞	55⅞
Mellon Bk	67½	66⅞
Merck Inc	118⅞	115⅞
Merrill Lynch	89⅞	88⅛
Microsoft	85¼	86⅛
Minnesota Mine	93¼	93
Mirage Resorts	21⅞	21¼
Mobil Corp	77⅞	76¼
Monsanto	57⅞	56⅞
Morgan (JP)	121¼	121¼
Motorola Inc	51⅞	51½
Mylan Labs	32	30¼
Natl Semi	16¼	15¼
Natl Service Ind	51⅞	51¼
Navistar Intl	27¼	26⅛
NY Times A	72¼	72⅞
Newmont Mng	24¼	24¼
Nike B	46⅛	45⅞
NL Industries	19¼	19⅛
Nordstrom	73½	72⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	31¼	31¼
Nthn State Pwr	29	29
Norwest Corp	39⅞	39⅛
Occidental Pet	26⅞	26¼
Office Depot	30¼	30
Oracle	26¼	24⅞
Oryx Energy Co	23⅞	22¼
Owens Corning	39¼	39¼
PPG Industries	74¼	73⅞
PMI Group	77¼	77⅛
PNC Bank	57¼	56⅞
PP&L Res	22⅞	22⅛
Paccar Inc	56⅞	55¼
Pacificorp	22¼	22¼
Pac Enterprises	40¼	39⅞
PaineWebber	42¼	42¼
Pall Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Parker Hannifin	41¼	41⅛
Peco Energy	28¼	28¼
Penney (JC)	74¼	73¼
Pennzoil	58⅛	57¼
Pepsico	41¼	40⅞
Pfizer	106¼	106⅞
Pharm & Upjhn	42¼	42⅛
Phelps Dodge	60⅛	59¼
Philip Morris	36¼	36¼
Phillips Pet	51	50⅛
Pitney Bowes	46⅛	45⅞
Polaroid	39¼	39⅞
Procter & Gmbl	86⅞	86¼
Providian	70⅛	69⅞
Pub Serv E & G	33¼	34
Quaker Oats	57¼	57¼
Ralston Purina	109¼	109¼
Raychem Corp	39¼	39¼
Raytheon B	53¼	52⅛
Reebok Intl	30¼	28⅛
Reliastar Fin	43¼	43
Reynolds Metals	57¼	56⅞
Rockwell Intl	53¼	54⅛
Rohm & Haas	112¼	110⅛
Royal Dutch	57⅛	56¼
Rubbermaid	34⅛	34⅞
SBC Comms	40¼	39¼
Safeco Corp	47	47¼
St Paul's Cos	44⅛	44¼
Sara Lee Corp	59¼	59¼
Schering Plough	88⅛	87
Schlumberger	78⅞	77⅛
Seagram	42⅛	41¼
Sears Roebuck	61⅞	60¼
Shell Trans	44¼	44¼
Sherwin Wlms	33¼	33⅛
Silicon Graphics	11¼	11⅛
Snap-On-Tools	44¼	43⅞
Southern Co	27¼	27⅞
Southtrust	41¼	40¼
Sprint Corp	70⅞	71¼
Stanley Works	47⅛	46¼
Starwood H & R	48⅛	48¼
Sun Company	39⅛	39¼
Sun Microsys	45⅞	44⅛
Suntrust	78¼	78⅛
Supervalu	44⅛	43⅞
Synovus Fin	22⅞	22¼
Sysco Corp	24¼	24¼
TRW Inc	54¼	54¼
TIG Hldgs	25	25⅛
Tandy Corp	43⅛	43⅞
Temple Inland	57¼	57⅞
Tenet Healthcare	30⅛	30¼
Tenneco	40⅛	40¼
Texaco	58⅞	58¼
Texas Inst	51⅞	51
Texas Utilities	40	39¼
Textron	71	70¼
Thermo Elect	33⅛	33
Time Warner	77¼	76⅞
Times-Mirror A	64⅞	64¼
Timken	37¼	36¼
Torchmark	42¾	43⅛
Toys R Us	26¼	26½
Transamerica	115⅛	115⅛
Travelers	63⅞	63¼
Tribune	68⅞	68⅞
UST Inc	26½	26
US Bancorp	40¼	39⅞
UAL	78⅞	77¼
Unitrin	70	69¼
US Inds	27¼	27¼
US West Comm	50⅞	50⅞
US West Media	36⅛	35⅞
USAirways Group	69¼	70⅛
USX Marathon	34¼	34¼
Unicom	35⅞	35¼
Unilever NV	82¼	82⅛
Union Camp	55¼	54¼
Union Carbide	50	49¼
Union Pacific	46	45⅛
Unisys Corp	24⅛	24¼
United Tech	90¼	90⅞
Unocal Corp	37⅞	36⅛
VF Corp	52¼	52¼
Wal-Mart Stores	57¼	57
Warner-Lambert	62⅞	64
Waste Mngmt	31⅞	31¼
Wells Fargo	357¼	352¼
Weyerhaeuser	52	53
Whirlpool	67¼	67⅛
Whitman	22¼	22⅛
Winn Dixie	42⅛	41½
Witco Corp	34¼	36¼
Woolworth	19¼	19¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	94⅞	95¼
Xerox	104¼	103¼
Xilinx Inc	36¼	36⅛

NEWS

Al Fayed outburst at Shand Kydd

■ Mohamed al Fayed accused the mother of Diana, Princess of Wales, of taking on royal airs, failing as a mother and declining to speak to "a working-class guy" like him, in a bizarre outburst during a break in the "witness summit" in Paris.

Mr al Fayed and Frances Shand Kydd, mother of the Princess, sat just a few feet apart in court as photographers were individually questioned by witnesses .....Pages 1, 5

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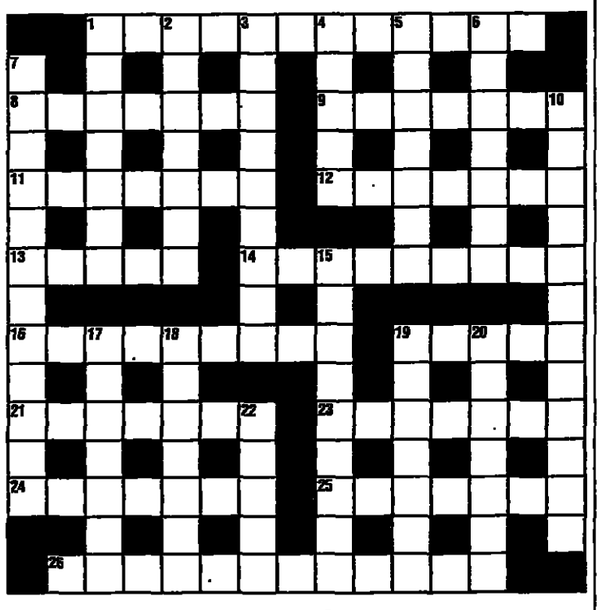
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ACROSS

1 Move into different shares as socialist tax is introduced (12).
8 Before going after gold, saint is ascetic (7).
9 Unfortunate circumstances changed his plans around (7).
11 Small ruler used in making letters (7).
12 A lot of rupees worker collected for a year's work (7).
13 Pipe up, as one starting the day (5).
14 Batsman's aggressive plan causing unaccountable harm (3-3-3).
16 Present put in awkward position (2,3,4).
19 During Lent, for example, start to envisage this? (5).
21 The most black risks at end of gambit — king stuck in middle (7).
23 There's nothing to restrict the view (7).
24 Island gathering? (7).
25 Stress in musical group is returning (7).
26 Challenge whether goose is cooked (3,4,5).

DOWN

1 Feels bad about taking penny off offerings (7).
2 For one, matter may involve end of life (7).
3 Change round seat, dreadfully hot in awful factory (9).
4 Cuban measure of alcohol upset sailor (5).
5 He provides the band for union celebration (4:3).
6 One imparting knowledge of rough terrain (7).
7 A way to pay for certain things with regularity (7,5).
10 *Support a big weight, an individual best (6,2,4).*
15 Measured response from military stronghold at flier going over (3,3,3).
17 Finished with husband in depression (7).
18 Time of day when tea, say, is unavailable during horse trials (7).
19 Criminal seizes excellent porcelain (7).
20 Very silly group of ladies dancing as I come over (7).
22 About noon, cat runs off into shade (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20805

S	C	A	R	A	B		O	B	S	E	R	V	E	R
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Solution to Puzzle No 20810

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Last week's winners: *K Lonsdale, Woking, Surrey; J B Rowell, Corbridge, Northumberland; A J Flack, Great Ellingham, Norfolk; J E Dedridge, Canonbury, London; E W Bisbey, Southampton.*

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY
Sun rises: 4.46 am — Sun sets: 9.13 pm
Moon sets 3.20 am — Moon rises 5.10 pm

Full moon June 10
London 9.13 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 9.53 pm to 4.30 am
Manchester 9.33 pm to 4.42 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.14 am

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 4.45 am — Sun sets: 9.14 pm
Moon sets 3.44 am — Moon rises 6.14 pm

Full moon June 10
London 9.14 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 9.54 pm to 4.29 am
Manchester 9.34 pm to 4.42 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 4.14 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	10:57	3.6	23:26	3.7
Avonmouth	4:15	10.9	16:45	11.2
Belfast	8:18	3.1	20:57	3.0
Cardiff	4:01	10.2	16:31	10.4
Devonport	2:36	4.8	15:12	4.9
Dover	8:38	5.7	20:54	5.9
Dublin	9:11	3.5	21:36	3.6
Falmouth	2:07	4.6	14:43	4.7
Greenock	9:51	2.8	22:39	2.9
Harwich	9:15	3.5	21:33	3.4
Holyhead	7:50	4.7	20.19	4.8
Hull (Albert Dl)	3.47	7.3	16:00	7.6
Ilfracombe	3:09	7.6	15:38	7.7
King's Lynn	3:52	5.4	16:00	5.5
Leith			12:16	4.6
Liverpool	8.37	8.0	21:03	8.2
London Bridge	11:24	5.3	23:45	5.2
Lowestoft	7:31	2.2	19:11	2.2
Margate	9:34	4.2	21:44	4.2
Milford Haven	3:26	5.7	15:54	5.8
Newquay	2.23	5.8	14:50	5.9
Oban	3:06	3.2	15:42	3.3
Penzance	1:54	4.6	14.22	4.7
Portland	3:49	1.3	16:27	1.5
Portsmouth	8:54	3.8	21:15	4.1
Shoreham	8:41	5.0	21:04	5.4
Southampton	8:14	3.9	20:36	4.2
Swansea	3:28	7.8	15:55	8.0
Tees	0:48	4.8	13:05	4.8
Walton-On-Naze	8.13	3.7	21:29	3.7

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Southampton, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: St Mawgan, Cornwall, 0.09in; highest sunshine: Isle of Man, 13.2hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Western England and Wales will have spells of rain later this morning, moving into central, southern and eastern counties this afternoon. Southeast England will have showers early and late in the day with spells of warm sunshine in between. Scotland will have outbreaks of rain, turning heavy in the west, but the east will have brighter spells. Northern Ireland will have heavy rain this morning, clearing this afternoon, but it will stay cloudy with scattered showers.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** showers this morning clearing to give warm sunshine but more showers later. The wind will become moderate southwesterly. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Cent S, E, Cent N, NE England, Midlands, Channel Is:** warm sunny spells but turning showery. Moderate southwest wind. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **SW England, Wales:** early bright spells, then cloudier with rain moving in from the west. Moderate southwest wind. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **NW England, Lakes, IoM:** Rain this morning, brighter by afternoon. Moderate south to southeast wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy, spells of rain, some heavy later. Mod to fresh east to southeast wind. Max 17C (63F), cooler in far north.

☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll:** cloudy, breezy, with spells of heavy rain. Moderate southeast wind, strong northeasterly in north. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **N Ireland:** heavy rain at first, but more showery this afternoon. Moderate east to southeast wind. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** cooler tomorrow with showers; cloudy in north, sunny spells in south. Increasingly breezy on Monday as rain in the west spreads eastward.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** Saturday — low in Scotland, N Ireland, NW England, S Wales; *low to moderate in SW England; moderate* to high in all other regions. Sunday — low in Scotland, N Ireland, NW, NE and SW England, Wales; moderate in all other regions

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

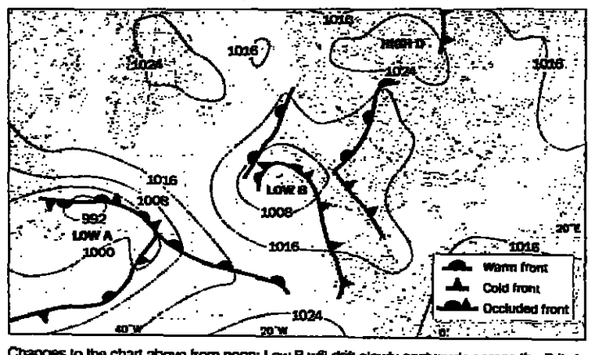
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Aberdeen	4.3	0.01	16	61	s	Lauchars	6.2	0.01	17	63	s
Anglesey	8.4	-	20	68	s	Lttlehmptn	4.4	-	16	61	s
Aspatria	11.4	-	19	66	s	London	0.9	-	17	63	c
Aviemore	2.1	0.01	18	64	c	Lowestoft	0.9	-	14	57	c
Belfast	5.3	0.01	18	64	c	Manchester	6.0	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	3.5	-	16	61	b	Margate	2.7	0.04	15	59	r
Bognor R	4.5	-	19	66	c	Minehead	X				
Bournem'th	10.3	-	20	68	s	Morecambe	9.7	-	18	64	s
Bristol	2.6	0.01	20	68	c	Newcastle	8.9	-	15	59	s
Buxton	7.8	-	15	59	s	Newquay	X				
Cardiff	X	0.01	19	66	b	Norwich	0.5	-	15	59	c
Clacton	5.3	0.01	14	57	c	Oxford	3.8	-	18	64	c
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	X	-	17	63	c
Colwyn Bay	4.4	-	19	66	c	Poole	10.2	-	21	70	s
Cromer	5.1	-	14	57	b	Prestatyn	X				
Dunbar	7.2	-	18	64	s	Ross on Wye	3.6	0.01	18	64	sh
Eastbourne	2.3	-	18	64	c	Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	X					Sauntn Snd	5.8	-	21	70	s
Eskdalemuir	10.3	-	17	63	s	Scarboro'	11.9	-	13	55	s
Exmouth	4.2	0.01	17	63	c	Shrewsbury	5.8	-	17	63	b
Falmouth	X					Skegness	10.0	-	14	57	s
Fishguard	7.6	-	19	66	b	Southend	7.8	-	15	59	du
Folkestone	3.4	0.01	15	59	b	Southport	X	0.01	18	64	b
Glasgow	6.6	0.01	20	68	b	Southsea	7.5	-	17	63	s
Guernsey	6.4	0.01	20	68	b	Stornoway	3.0	0.04	12	54	r
Hastings	3.1	-	17	63	c	Swanage	8.0	-	18	64	s
Hayling I.	5.8	-	20	68	c	Teignmouth	3.5	-	17	63	c
Herne Bay	X					Tenby	5.5	-	17	63	b
Hove	2.6	-	19	66	c	Tiree	6.3	0.07	15	59	r
Hunstanton	5.2	-	16	61	b	Torquay	2.8	-	18	64	c
Isle of Man	13.2	-	16	61	s	Tynemouth	X				
Isle-of-wight	X					Weston s Mare	1.0	-	19	66	b
Jersey	4.5	0.01	20	68	b	Weymouth	X				
Kinloss	5.4	0.02	17	63	sh						
Leeds	4.7	-	16	61	b						
Lerwick	X										

ABROAD

Ajaccio	26	79	f	Cologne	21	70	f	Madrid	25	77	f
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Corfu	30	86	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	C'phagn	17	63	r	Malaga	23	73	t
Algiers	25	77	s	Dublin	16	61	c	Malta	31	88	s
Amst'dm	15	59	c	Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Melb'rne	18	64	s
Athens	31	88	s	Faro	21	70	f	Mexico C	26	79	c
B Aires	18	64	s	Florence	32	90	s	Miami	33	91	s
Bahrain	38	100	s	Frankfurt	22	72	s	Milan	29	84	f
Bangkok	35	95	s	Funchal	20	68	f	Montreal	13	55	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	29	84	f	Moscow	25	77	f
Barcelona	26	79	s	Gibraltar	20	68	f	Munich	23	73	s
Beijing	23	73	s	Helsinki	17	63	f	N Delhi	40	104	s
Beirut	25	77	f	Hong K	28	82	c	N York	19	66	s
Belgrade	30	86	s	Innsbrck	24	75	f	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	23	73	s	Istanbul	24	75	f	Naples	33	91	c
Bermuda	24	75	f	Jeddah	35	95	s	Nice	26	79	s
Biarritz	21	70	s	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Oslo	16	61	f
Borde'x	25	77	f	L Angels	19	66	s	Paris	22	72	s
Brussels	18	64	f	L Palmas	24	75	f	Perth	17	63	r
Budapst	30	86	f	Le Tquet	16	61	f	Prague	26	79	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	22	72	f	Reykjavik	10	50	s
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Locarno	25	77	s	Rhodes	27	81	s
Ch'church	10	50	X	Luxembg	21	70	f	Rio de J	20	68	f
Chicago	18	64	f	Luxor	37	99	s	Riyadh	42	108	s

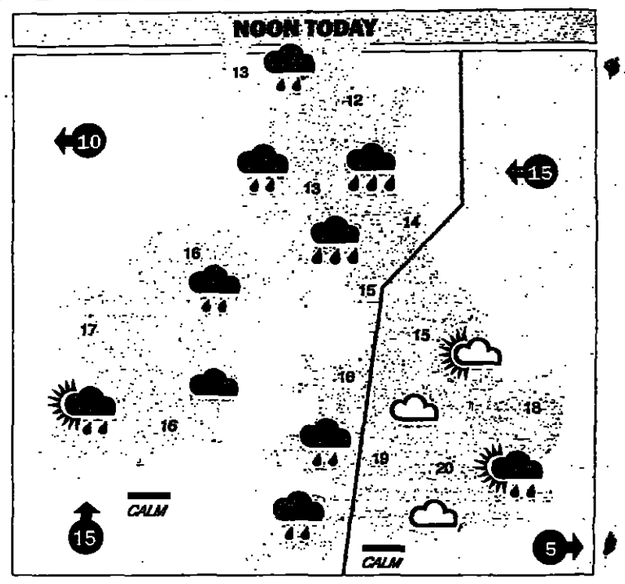
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Salzburg	23	73	s								
Santiago	13	55	s								
Seoul	19	66	f								
Sing'por	33	91	f								
St'kholm	14	57	c								
Strasb'rg	25	77	f								
Sydney	17	63	f								
Tangier	23	73	f								
Tel Aviv	27	81	s								
Tenerife	23	73	c								
Tokyo	27	81	s								
Toronto	15	59	f								
Tunis	29	84	f								
Valencia	24	75	s								
Vanc'ver	15	59	c								
Venice	28	82	s								
Vienna	25	77	s								
Warsaw	25	77	f								
Wash'ton	20	68	s								
Wel'ngton	13	55	X								
Zurich	24	75	f								

Temperatures at midday local time on Thursday. X = not available



Changes to the chart above from noon: Low B will drift slowly eastwards across the British Isles and deepen slightly. Low A will also move eastwards and deepen. High D is expected to drift east with little change in central pressure

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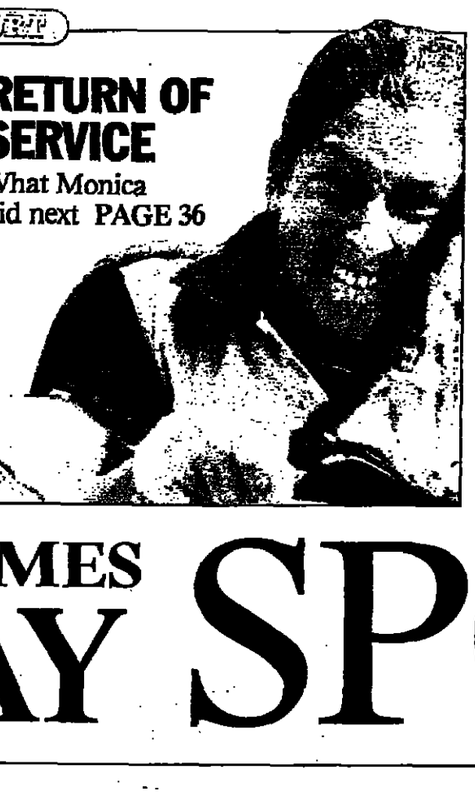
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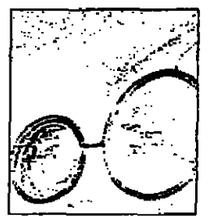


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BATSMEN MAKE SLOW PROGRESS IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS

Cautious England assume control

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (second day of five): England have scored 462 against South Africa

EDGBASTON and its crowds are unaccustomed to days such as this. In recent summers, the ground has been spoilt by dizzying drama, with England forever on the point of triumph or calamity. It was not like that yesterday. Instead, slowly and assiduously, England attained their first and frequently elusive priority, a total with which to dictate a Test match.

Arguably, it took them longer than was ideal. Certainly, the lost impetus through the middle of this second day cost them the tempting option of an hour's bowling before the close. It also did not suit the crowd. But everything must be seen in the context of having been put in and of conditions still favouring all types of bowler.

England remain in charge despite the worry of a late hand injury to Darren Gough, who went to hospital for an X-ray after his right index finger was struck while batting. There was still cause, however, for satisfaction in the features of the coach, David Lloyd, last night. He defended the slow scoring with the simple observation that his team had been put in. Of South Africa's inability to exploit the conditions, he said: "Their bowlers are not used to so much movement. We'll see if their batsmen are now."

Nobody was able to play the type of innings achieved by Michael Atherton on Thursday, or even by Mark Butcher. In large part, this was because South Africa, who could hardly have bowled worse than they did on the first day, bowled appreciably better. However, only Graham Thorpe, of England's top six, was out for fewer than 35 and they will feel, in their own favoured terminology, that they batted "as a team".

The ball continued to swing and seam for the quicker bowlers and to turn for Paul Adams, who also took one of his three wickets with a cruel grubber — its predictable victim the luckless Nasser Hussain. Given similar help, fair weather and the customary deterioration of bounce on this ground, England's bowlers should enjoy their weekend.

The notion that this would be the venue to emphasise South Africa's bowling quality has not, as yet, been borne out. Though their effort yesterday was greatly improved, the sluggish nature of the pitch still drew their sting. That said, there was still a considerable amount of playing and missing. Atherton, reviewing his century on Thursday evening, estimated that Shaun Pollock had beaten the bat "30 or 40 times". He could add two more to that figure when Alec Stewart groped ineffectually at the first two balls yesterday.

Allan Donald, who had hitherto been far from his best on his adopted "home" ground, needed an injection in a troublesome left heel before taking the field, but he charged in willingly enough and took his first wicket of the game in his opening over.

The second new ball was only five overs old and Donald almost had Atherton playing on to one that darted back at him. Then, finding extra pace and steeper bounce, he took the edge as Atherton tried to force him through the covers off the back foot.

England might easily have gone into decline and put the achievements of the previous day into even sharper focus. Pollock and Donald had extended their length and tidied their line; the change bowlers, when summoned, maintained the pressure, Kallis unrecognisable from his previous extravagance.

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Thorpe's middle stump is sent flying by a quick yorker from Pollock at Edgbaston as South Africa's bowlers fight back. *Photograph: Ian Hodgson*

Stewart and Hussain, though, managed to miss the good balls and punish the bad, and had added 60 when both were out just before lunch. Stewart, much more circumspect than the previous evening, was one short of a half-century when he drove loosely at Klusener and was caught by the solitary slip; Hussain's dismissal was far less conventional.

In the Caribbean Test matches last winter, Hussain began to wonder if he had offended the fates after a series of four dismissals caused by palpably flawed umpiring and freakish events. One of the latter was a ball from Carl Hooper that scuttled along the ground after pitching.

To be out to one such ball in a Test-match year is unfortunate; twice is stretching credulity. Hussain was predictably unamused. "You tend to leave a lad alone for an hour or so after something like that," Lloyd said, "then he might see the funny side. Not Nasser."

Between lunch and tea, England mustered only 61 runs from 33 overs as Adams completed an impressively controlled spell that brought him two for 26 from 17 overs. He had been as wayward as his colleagues on Thursday, but this was spin bowling of some quality and the slower yorker that took Ealham's leg stump was merited reward.

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ENGLAND: First Innings

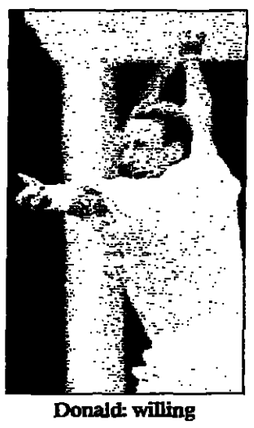
M A Butcher c Kallis b Adams	77
M A Atherton c Boucher b Donald	103
*†A J Stewart c Cullinan b Klusener	49
N Hussain lbw b Adams	35
G P Thorpe b Pollock	10
M R Ramprakash b Donald	49
M A Ealham b Adams	5
D G Cork c Pollock b Donald	36
R D B Croft c Boucher b Donald	19
D Gough not out	16
A R C Fraser c Cronje b Pollock	9
Extras (b 18, lb 26, w 8, nb 2)	54
Total	462

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-179, 2-249, 3-309, 4-309, 5-329, 6-356, 7-411, 8-430, 9-437.

BOWLING: Donald 35-3-95-4; Pollock 42-12-92-2; Klusener 31-7-74-1; Cronje 11-3-38-0; Adams 42-10-83-3; Kallis 20-7-46-0

SOUTH AFRICANS: G F J Liebenberg, G Kirsten, J H Kallis, D J Cullinan, *†W J Cronje, J N Rhodes, S M Pollock, †M V Boucher, L Klusener, P R Adams, A A Donald.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R Tiffin.



Donald: willing

By then, Thorpe had hit across a full-length ball from Pollock — at 87mph the quickest of the day, according to the latest electronic speedboard — but Mark Ramprakash, plainly still in mental profit from his graduation last winter, had settled comfortably.

The footwork of Ramprakash was positive and assured but having scored 39 in the afternoon session, he could add only eight in the next hour. He became the second to fall for 49 when Donald's first delivery with the third new ball took the top of his off stump.

Drizzle and darkened skies delayed play for an hour and the resumption brought two wickets in successive balls for Donald, ending frisky innings from Cork and Croft, and Gough's reward for rejecting an offer of bad light was a painful blow on the right hand that England need him to put to good use today.

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Cape Verdi's chance to carve niche in history

Richard Evans on the brave challenge that will add spice to a vintage renewal of the world's most famous Flat race at Epsom this afternoon

An historic battle of the sexes will unfold at Epsom today when Cape Verdi attempts to become the first filly to win the Derby since 1916. Sheikh Mohammed, the world's most influential owner, decided to pitch Cape Verdi against the colts after her brilliant five-length victory in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket and Frankie Dettori's mount is 7-2 joint-favourite with William Hill to win this afternoon.

Although it is rare nowadays for fillies to take on the colts at Epsom, history is on her side. Six of the 62 fillies to have run in the Derby have won. Indeed, above-average fillies have an outstanding record against their male rivals. Salsabil and Balanchine won the Irish Derby in 1990 and 1994 and, last year, Borgia landed the German Derby on the way to proving herself one of the leading horses of the season.

Eleanor, the first filly to land the Derby at Epsom in 1801, went on to win the Oaks — a famous double achieved on four occasions. However, the heyday for female Derby challenges was between 1908 and 1916, when Signorinetta obliged — at 100-1 — along with Tagalie and Fifinella, whose wartime victory came at Newmarket.

Sceptre was almost certainly the best filly to run in the race and although she won both Guineas, the Oaks and St Leger in 1902, she could finish only fourth in the Derby for her demanding owner-trainer. The most recent challenger was Portuguese Lil, who finished last of 20 two years ago.

Cape Verdi's brilliance almost certainly emanates from her sire, Caerleon, a French Derby winner responsible for a host of good horses, notably Generous, who won the Derby, the Irish Derby and the King George of 1991 by a total of 17 lengths. Afrique Bleu Azur, Cape Verdi's dam, died in 1997, having made little impact on the racecourse. She was used as a pacemaker on the Paris courses and her two victories came at provincial tracks.

Sheikh Mohammed bought Cape Verdi from Robert Sangster as part of a multimillion-pound package at the end of her two year-old career. However, should she win today, the seven-figure sum will be pocket money compared with her value as a broodmare.

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Her chance was underlined by the outcome of the Vodafone Oaks yesterday, won by Shahtoush, who finished runner-up to Cape Verdi at Newmarket. The victory provided another classic success for Aidan O'Brien, the remarkable young trainer from Ballydoyle, who saddles King Of Kings, Second Empire and Saratoga Springs in the Derby.

All three have been favourite at some stage in recent weeks, but they have not enjoyed an ideal preparation. However, a 100-1 quote from William Hill against the trio filling the first three places is likely to attract support from across the Irish Sea.

While victory for Cape Verdi would write a special chapter in the history of the world's most famous Flat race, there will be emotional scenes if Greek Dance prevails. He runs in the colours of Lord Weinstock, the former boss of GEC, but was bred by his son, Simon, who died two years ago. Victory would also crown a remarkable comeback by Walter Swinburn, who missed most of last year with weight problems.

As punters search for clues, Andy Clifton, of Ladbrokes, believes that the weather could hold the key to which horse starts favourite. "Cape Verdi is certain to be popular with betting-shop customers up and down the country, partly because of all the publicity surrounding her participation in the race, but mainly because of the man on board," Clifton said. "Whatever Frankie rode would be very well-backed.

"However, if there is significant rain and the ground eases, then Greek Dance would probably go off favourite. He is certain to stay the trip and, although he doesn't need softish ground, those conditions would count against many of the other leading fancies."

GOLF

Montgomerie tries to look on bright side

BY MEL WEBB

THERE HE sat, head slumped on to his hands on the table top, the picture of dejection. Colin Montgomerie was not a happy man. It seemed that he was mourning a missed birdie putt on the last hole in the second round of the National Car Rentals English Open, a slip that prevented him from sharing the lead — but no, all he was doing was gathering himself to be upbeat. He had not had a good day and yet still he found a way to be optimistic about the final two rounds.

Montgomerie's powers of recovery, on the course and off it, are remarkable. Two years ago, the 72 that he had at Hanbury Manor, Ware, yesterday — to finish on 136, eight under par, a stroke behind Stephen Leaney and Patrik Sjoland and level with Lee Westwood and Fabrice Tarnaud — would have put him in the blackest of moods. It seems he might, at last, be mending his ways.

"Let's talk about something else," he said, head having been raised to meet his inquisitors full in the eye. "What about the cricket? What, Stewart and Ramprakash were out for 49? They'll be feeling great, then — a bit like I do after missing that putt and having a round like that." Ah, there it was. The frustration was there, all right; he was just keeping it under wraps.

Not so far that we would not talk about it, he concluded. Montgomerie had plenty to discuss, for instance, the double-bogey seven on the 2nd and the bogey five on the 5th. He could hardly bear to remember it, but, just to be helpful, he obligingly reprised the incidents.

First, the seven. He leaked his drive left into the rough and did not find the fairway with his second shot. At this point, it became seriously ugly. He had two alternatives — move the ball a few feet back on to the fairway or go for the green over the water that snakes its way in front of it. As ever, he chose the bold option and failed, albeit gloriously.

He clipped the last few feet of the hazard, dropped into the water and had to go back, drop under penalty and try again. This time, he was more successful, hitting his pitch to 8ft, only to miss the bogey putt. "It's what you deserve if you play the hole like that," he said philosophically.

The bogey at the 5th was a much simpler affair. He failed to find the fairway, again on the left — how long can it be since he last missed two fairways in three holes? — pitched to the back of the green and took three putts from 60ft. Three over par, not good.

Such is his resilience, however, that Montgomerie had three birdies after the turn and finished in exactly the same position relative to par that he had occupied when he started. "The good thing about today is that I've got my bad round out of the way and I'm still only one shot off the lead," he said.

"I got it back to square one, which is very encouraging. I've got nothing to work on, nothing to worry about and I'm still in a very strong position to win this tournament." If many of his peers had completed a round like his, they would have been crestfallen, but Montgomerie was right to be gung-ho.

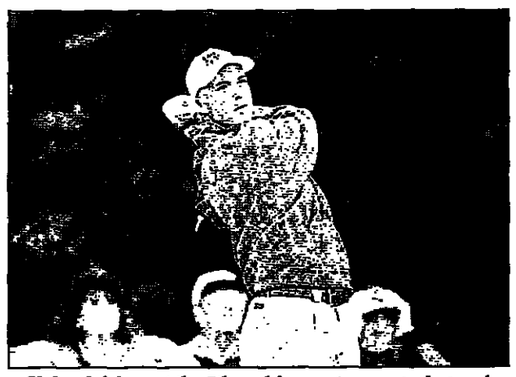
Westwood is such a personable, equable youngster off the course that it is sometimes easy to forget that when he is on it, he has a temper that, very occasionally, like Montgomerie, overcomes his natural phlegm. He indulged himself in a small fit of pique at the 1st, his tenth, which is proving a frustration for him. He was in the rough, did not have a good lie, failed to come out as he would have liked and reacted by slamming his club into the ground.

Westwood came into the tournament with a tip from Peter Cowen, his coach, ringing in his ears. "He tells me not to lose my temper because that is my best quality and when I lose that the rest of my game starts to go," he said.

His mood was soon back on an even keel as he completed his second 68. He and Montgomerie are in the thick of it among a gaggle of less experienced or exalted players. None of them will be comfortable with Westwood and Montgomerie hunting them down this weekend.

SCORES

LEADERS AFTER TWO ROUNDS (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 135: P Sjoland (Swe) 68, 67; S Leaney (Aus) 66, 69. 136: L Westwood 68, 68; C Montgomerie 64, 72; F Tarnaud (Fr) 70, 66. 137: R Wessels (SA) 68, 69. 138: R Allenby (Aus) 67, 71; N Vanhootegem (Bel) 66, 72. 139: P Affleck 74, 65, N Joakimides (Fr) 65, 74; A Coltart 67, 72; J Robson 66, 73. 140: O Karlsson (Swe) 70, 70; B May (US) 71, 69; J Singh (India) 71, 69; M Florioli (It) 72, 68; M Jonzon (Swe) 72, 68; R Jacquelin (Fr) 69, 71; C Hainline (US) 71, 69; M A Jiménez (Sp) 68, 72; S Webster 72, 68. 141: S Alker (NZ) 70, 71, R Muntz (Holl) 69, 72; R Rafferty 69, 72; K Storgaard (Den) 71, 70; W Riley (Aus) 68, 73; V Phillips 69, 72; M McNulty (Zim) 73, 68; C O'Connor Jnr 71, 70; S Richardson 70, 71; R Claydon 71, 70; P Baker 69, 72; D Robertson 68, 73; M Long (NZ) 71, 70; P Eales 69, 72; J Ramsey (Fr) 70, 71. 142: A Sherborne 72, 70; P Fulke (Swe) 72, 70; M Reale (It) 71, 71; J Rivero (Sp) 69, 73; I Garbutt 70, 72



Sjoland drives at the 5th on his way to a second-round 67 and a share of the lead at Hanbury Manor

TOM HEVEZI



Hilton, who gave the favourite a tremendous battle, displays his bunker technique

Hilton's rally brings best out of Garcia

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE majestic Muirfield course seems determined to be the perfect setting for the Amateur Championship. In these parts of East Lothian, the weather has improved slightly each day since Tuesday. Each day, too, the course has caught the eye even more, its colours buffed up by the wind and burnished by the sun as, round by round, Sergio Garcia, 18, the prodigiously talented Spaniard, has moved towards what seemed to be his inevitable destiny — becoming the 1998 champion.

Then, in his semi-final yesterday afternoon, Garcia ran into the immovable object that is the 6ft 7in Mark Hilton. Hilton, 20, is no respecter of Garcia's reputation and is having the golfing year to end all golfing years. From the moment that he led the qualifying for this event with scores of 66 and 71, contrary to what appeared in these columns yesterday morning, he has appeared to be a man inspired.

Hilton was three down after the 10th and Garcia seemed to be cruising, but Hilton, having played the inward nine holes beautifully in the morning, played them beautifully again in the afternoon as Garcia became tentative.

Hilton sank a putt across the green to win the 12th, won the 17th when Garcia three-putted from 50ft and then holed a brave 12ft putt for a three to win the 18th. It was the first time all week that Garcia has had to go beyond the 16th green.

On the 19th green, Hilton had a chance to complete a remarkable comeback, but missed from 4ft. They halved the next three extra holes before Garcia won the match with a five at the 23rd.

In the final today, he will meet Craig Williams, 20, from the Creigiau club, which is five miles from Cardiff. Williams is bidding to become the first Welshman to win the Amateur since Stephen Dodd in 1989.

Garcia looks every inch the young professional, which is what he is in all but name. He certainly does not work for a living. He wears the sort of sunglasses that American professionals are paid thousands of dollars to use, favours white golf shoes and wears a baseball cap. While one back pocket is used to contain his glove when he putts, the other holds a yardage chart.

The morning quarter-finals were notable for the way that things went against conventional wisdom. Garcia was always expected to win, but it would have been a brave man who would have picked the men from England and Wales to triumph over their experienced adversaries from abroad.

Few would have forecast that Hilton would defeat Trevor Immelman, of South Africa, that Ben Mason would defeat Peter Hansson, of Sweden, and that Williams, who has not yet represented his country, could defeat Geoff Ogilvy, an Australian whose golf has had purists purring.

Williams, who would have played for Wales in the home internationals last year had he not had glandular fever, was three under par for his outward half. Faced by this onslaught, Ogilvy wilted. He was five holes down at the turn and there was no coming back from that.

In the afternoon, Williams went from strength to strength against Mason, winning the 10th with a three, the 14th with a four and taking a three-iron and a nine-iron to reach the 15th, where Mason bogeyed again.

All week, Williams has looked as though he has enjoyed every minute of his first Amateur. He seems to wear a permanently broad smile on his open face. Perhaps this has helped him become the first Welshman to reach the final of since Bradley Dredge, at Carnoustie in 1992.

DETAILS

THIRD ROUND: J Bunch (St Andrews New) bt R Gerwin (US) at 19th; A Wainwright (Garforth) bt M Harris (Ham Manor) 1 hole, K Ferne (Ainmouth) bt K Walbank (Fairhaven) 1 hole, M Side (Shirley Park) bt M Lofus (Cowglen) 2 and 1, S Garcia (Sp) bt S McCarthy (Royal North Devon) 4 and 3, G Ogilvy (Australia) bt J Wahlstedt (Swe) 4 and 3; N Pimm (Surbiton) bt G Maly (Poxters Park) 1 hole; C Williams (Creigiau) bt J Olver (SA) 2 holes; R Verá (Sp) bt C Revatio (It) at 22nd; B Mason (Sand Moor) bt M Thomson (Torwoodlee) 2 and 1; C Rodgers (Royal Mid Surrey) bt E Gibstein (US) 5 and 3; P Hansson (Swe) bt M Ilonen (Fin) 8 and 7; B Omelia (Newlands) bt C Elliot (Ratho Park) 2 and 1. Fourth round: Hilton bt Rankin 1 hole; Immelman bt Bunch 2 and 1; A Wainwright bt Ferne 1 hole; Garcia bt Side 3 and 2; Ogilvy bt Pimm 5 and 3; Williams bt Verá 3 and 1; Mason bt Rodgers 2 and 1; Hansson bt Omelia 2 holes. Quarter-finals: Garcia bt Wainwright 5 and 4; Hilton bt Immelman 2 and 1; Williams bt Ogilvy 4 and 3, Mason bt Hansson 1-up. Semi-finals: Garcia bt Hilton at 23rd; Williams bt Mason 3 and 2.

Johnson gunning for title

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN EVIAN-LES-BAINS FRANCE

ARSENAL having achieved the Double, Trish Johnson is now free to concentrate on her hobby of professional golf and it is amazing what paying attention does for the Englishwoman's game. In the third round of the Evian Masters yesterday, the football fanatic finished with three successive birdies for a 69 to share the lead with Shani Waugh, a Europhile from Australia, on 209, seven under par.

They were a precarious two shots ahead of the quartet of Alison Nicholas, the Birmingham-based US Women's Open champion, Laurette Maritz, a stylish South African, and the Swedes, Carin Koch and Maria Hjorth. Helen Alfredsson, the Swede with the Latin temperament, was on 212 after an erratic 73 — out in 40, four over par, back in 33, three under — that undoubtedly owed something to the fact that this is her eighth tournament in a row.

Hiromi Kobayashi, the defending champion, was in the group on 213 and Laura Davies was a little down but not quite out after a 74 that left her on one under par. She birdied the last two holes, but two double-bogeys on the front nine — at the 4th and the 9th, a par-five where she "tried to be too clever" with her one-iron and hit her second shot out of bounds — did nothing for her morale on a sweltering day.

Johnson makes no secret of the fact that she would rather play in Europe than in the United States, where she is languishing at 126th on the money-list, and feels that this event is the start of the season. She shrugged off a setback at the short 2nd, where she had a six-inch tap-in for her par but moved the ball by mistake and had to replace it and penalise herself a shot, and, that glitch apart, she was putting well on greens that inspire little confidence.

The new bottle-blonde, a style she calls a "whim", changed her stroke after fiddling around with a couple of putters on the carpet at home in Woking, Surrey, while watching the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth. She is also making a conscious effort to banish all negative thoughts when putting, a notion she gleaned from a pronouncement by Colin Montgomerie.

Waugh, whose coach is Dick Harmon — the brother of Butch, adviser to Tiger Woods — is also glad to be back from the States, where life on tour is less relaxed. She came home in 32 for a 68 and her incentive this week is to give Michael Seaborn, her caddie, a good send-off. He is leaving her to open a cabaret club in Southampton.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Fagnini wins as Giro d'Italia nears finale

CYCLING: Gianmatteo Fagnini scored Italy's thirteenth stage win of the Giro d'Italia yesterday in an all-Italian finish to the twentieth stage from Terme to Mendrisio in Switzerland. His late sprint edged out Mariano Piccoli and Wladimir Belli as the race towards its finale. Fagnini was among 22 riders who led for more than 100 kilometres as Marco Pantani and Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, the leading contenders, took things easy after a three-day duel in the Dolomite mountains. Pantani's lead of 1min 28sec over Tonkov will be under pressure in the 34-kilometre time-trial at Lugano today. The Giro returns to Italy tomorrow for its final stage to Milan.

Law in Lymington final

SAILING: Chris Law, of Great Britain, the defending champion, overcame Gavin Brady, the in-form New Zealand skipper, 3-1 in the semi-finals of the Hoya Royal Lymington Cup yesterday to progress to the best-of-seven-race final today, where he meets Bertrand Pace, of France (Edward Gorman writes). Pace reached the final stage with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Murray Jones, of New Zealand, in the other semi-final. Earlier, in the last stages of the quarter-finals, Ian Williams, of Britain, and Per Pettersen, of Sweden, were knocked out.

Agassi declines wild card

TENNIS: Andre Agassi has declined a wild-card entry to the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club in London, which start on Monday. Agassi had asked the organisers to keep one for him after his first-round exit from the French Open last week, but the former world No 1 has now decided to stay in the United States. Instead, Agassi has made a similar wild-card request for entry to the tournament in Nottingham, which starts a week later.

Testing trial

CYCLING: Stuart Dangerfield faces a tough challenge to retain his title in the national 25-miles time-trial championship in Ranby, Nottinghamshire, tomorrow (Peter Bryan writes). Team Brite have five men in the 120-strong field, including Matthew Illingworth and Chris Newton. Sean Yates, the British 50-miles champion, is a potential medal-winner, as is Gary Dighton, who was champion in 1991 and recorded the fastest time over the distance this year, 49min 12sec, last weekend.

Baggio signs for Inter

FOOTBALL: Roberto Baggio, the Italy forward, has signed for Internazionale. Baggio, who has been playing for Bologna over the past season and who was included in the Italy World Cup squad after a series of outstanding club performances, has signed a two-year deal with an option for a third season. No financial details have been released by the Milan club. Baggio, formerly with Juventus and AC Milan, scored 22 goals in Serie A last season.

RUGBY LEAGUE: WARRINGTON WING LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS FIFTH HUNDRED

Veteran aims to keep on running

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

FOR a supposedly young man's game, it has been an uplifting week for the thirty-somethings. Paul Sterling, of Leeds Rhinos, belied his 33 years by selection in the "emerging" England squad to face Wales next month. Tomorrow, Mark Forster, a fellow wing and Sterling's junior by three months, makes his 400th appearance for Warrington Wolves in the JJB Super League.

While Sterling was a latecomer to the game from rugby union five years ago, Forster, who made two Great Britain appearances against France 11 years ago, has been an ever-present in the Warrington side since he signed at 17 from the nearby Woolston amateur club. "I never thought then that I'd reach 400 matches," he said. "I've lost perhaps a yard of pace, but I play a different game, more as an extra forward, although I never get a nap out on the wing."

Forster's longevity and 161 tries, though, do not begin to compare with the legendary talent at Warrington of Brian Bevan, another wing, whose 740 tries in 620 games from 1945-62 will never be surpassed. "They played 80 games a season in his day, whereas it's around 30 in the modern game," Forster said. "I'd need to play until I was 42 to beat Brian's appearance record. That's unrealistic, but I'd like to carry on playing for a double testimonial in three years and, perhaps, reach 500 games."

While Forster, with three tries this season, is still going strong, Warrington, like Bradford Bulls, their opponents, are weighed down with injuries. Their first-choice half backs are missing. Adam Doyle had a groin operation yesterday and, like Lee Briers, who has damaged knee ligaments, will be out for a month. Brendon Tuuta has recovered from a back problem to bolster the pack.

With Paul Anderson, Warren Jowitt and Danny Peacock, the latest casualty, all out for the season with knee injuries, Bradford are also cursing their luck in trying to replace them. Nathan Graham has been brought into the centre for Peacock.

"I've lost three of my best ball-carriers," Matthew Elliott, the Bulls coach, said. "Danny, in particular, is a big void to fill. I have been in the transfer market for several weeks, but there is nothing imminent."

For a second week, Bobbie Goulding has been omitted at scrum half by St Helens, who prefer Sean Long for a needle visit to Castleford Tigers, where speculation is increasing that Stuart Raper will leave at the end of the season to succeed Shaun McRae as the coach of St Helens.

Pete Waterman, the Salford Reds millionaire acquisition on the board, makes his first appearance as a club director away at Wigan Warriors, as does Robert Russell, 19, a goal-kicking wing, in place of Phil Hassan. Mark Lee is brought in for his first start of the season at scrum half and Andy Platt is back from injury to face his former club, who are unchanged.

Salford have signed Stuart Littler, a 19-year-old utility player, from Leigh Miners, an amateur club. Littler has scored six tries in six games for the Reds' Academy side this season and has signed a three-year contract.

Since winning the Challenge Cup on their last trip to London, Sheffield Eagles have won only one of four games and must gird themselves if they are to upset the improving London Broncos, who have Chris Ryan available.

Maurice Oldroyd, who has been suspended as chief executive of the British Amateur Rugby League Association (Barla) pending an investigation into "internal matters", has enlisted Lord Lofthouse, the Barla president, to try to clear his name at a disciplinary hearing next month.

Oldroyd, 62, who helped to found the association in 1973, said that the matters referred to changes in administrative priorities and new work procedures and that the decision to suspend him by the staff disciplinary sub-committee was taken before he could present his case.

☐ Lisa McIntosh, of Dudley Hill, will captain the Great Britain women's team on a six-match tour of New Zealand in August. The 26-strong squad, who will play New Zealand three times in an unofficial world championship, includes 15 members of the Ashes-winning tour party of 1996.



Barnhill, of New South Wales, left, tries to dispossess Hetherington, of Queensland, in Brisbane yesterday

McGregor's two tries help to take series to deciding game

NEW SOUTH WALES scored five tries to level the State of Origin series in spectacular style with a record-equalling 26-10 win over Queensland in Brisbane yesterday. The Blues, beaten 24-23 by Queensland in the opening game in Sydney a fortnight ago, thus set up a deciding game in Sydney on June 19.

Paul McGregor experienced the highs and lows to inspire the Blues' triumph before a ground-record crowd of 44,000. Called up by Tom Raudonikis, the coach, to replace Andrew Ettingshausen, McGregor scored twice as New South Wales took control, but he sustained a potentially serious shoulder injury in the 26th minute and had to be helped from the field.

McGregor did not return to the action and the injury is thought to be sufficiently serious for him to be a doubtful starter for the deciding match. Another player to leave the field through injury was Darren Lockyer, the Queensland full back, who sustained a suspected broken jaw after colliding with Matt Sing, his team-mate, late in the game.

Wendell Sailor scored in the second minute to put Queensland 6-0 ahead, but it was one-way traffic from there as New South Wales surged to a 26-6 lead with 30 minutes left.

After Adam MacDougall had reduced the deficit, McGregor put the Blues 8-6 ahead in the seventeenth minute after good work by Andrew Johns, Nik Kosef and Laurie Daley. Four minutes later, McGregor scored again, this time stretching out and slamming the ball on the tryline, despite the efforts of Jason Hetherington and Gorden Tallis to hold him out.

His second try gave the Blues a 14-6 lead, which became 20-6 after Johns converted Brad Fittler's 34th-minute try and Tim Brasher, the full back, made it 26-6 ten minutes into the second half. Sing scored from a good inside ball by Ben Ikin with 20 minutes left, but that was the full extent of the Queensland comeback.

The 16-point victory equalled New South Wales's previous biggest win against Queensland — 18-2 in May 1985. The largest margin in Origin history is Queensland's 36-6 defeat of New South Wales in May 1989.

FOOTBALL

FA offers support to Blatter

THE Football Association declared its support for Sepp Blatter to be the next president of Fifa, football's world governing body, yesterday, hoping in the process to get ahead of Germany with its bid to stage the 2006 World Cup finals.

Previously, the FA had committed itself to supporting Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, the European governing body, but, with Johansson backing the German bid to host the 2006 tournament, pragmatism has held sway at Lancaster Gate. Victory for Johansson would effectively spell the end of any hopes of bringing the World Cup back to Great Britain for the first time since 1966.

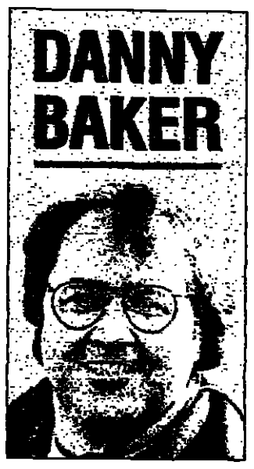
Explaining the decision, Keith Wiseman, the FA chairman, said that the world of football had a "momentous" decision to take at the Fifa Congress on Monday. He added: "We believe that Sepp Blatter will be an outstanding president of Fifa. We also earnestly hope that after Monday's decision, world football can move forward together in a spirit of friendship, democracy and fair play."

Blatter was the outsider when he belatedly announced his candidature earlier this year. Johansson, officially backed by all 51 members of Uefa, including England, believed that he would be the only runner, but Blatter has instead fought a fierce campaign. He has installed Michel Platini as his running mate and suggested recently that the supposed unanimity of the European block vote in favour of Johansson was fraying at the edges.

The announcement from Lancaster Gate suggests that the FA supports this view and feels that while it has little to gain from a victory for Johansson, it has to much to lose.

I confess: I am a Hoddle

DANNY BAKER



In this most critical of weeks, which ends quite properly with the announcements of death threats against friends of Paul Gascoigne, I have been sitting on a piece of information from my own past which, unless I unburden it, will eat away at my enjoyment of this World Cup. For as I publicly, righteously and, some might say, theatrically thundered away against the wretched, whey-faced Hoddle and all his works, a little voice kept whispering into my ear: "You old humbug, Dan."

At first, I pretended I didn't know what the voice could possibly mean, but, as dreams of stern courtrooms, long-buried bodies and the Tiber foaming with much blood intensified, I reached the conclusion that I must winkle this guilty titbit from its festering subconscious dungeon. Ladies and gentlemen, what I am about to say will shock you and cause the pillars of modern reason to wobble like a baby's lower lip. Here goes.

I have been Glenn Hoddle.

I, too, have made insane, indefensible decisions about a football squad that were not entirely based on what was best for the team. I have broken a good friend's heart seemingly on a whim and then lied like an actor to cover my rear. Actually, make that two good friends' hearts. It was very nearly four.

The year was 1971 and I was the captain of West Greenwich Secondary Boys first XI. I had been chosen as captain after a secret ballot, beating out Mark Jeffries by two votes. Mark Jeffries was a superb centre half and also the best fighter in our year. He had been a friend of mine since I was six. As captain and vice-captain, it was our job to actually pick the side each fortnight and the 12 boys chosen got the last two lessons off to travel to the park, get changed and do battle.

This was an incentive far greater than league and cup glory. By rights, I suppose, Mr Butterfield, the sports master, should have wielded absolute executive power here, but, given that the team was selected during Tuesday lunch break, it is reasonable to assume that Mr Butterfield preferred to spend his breathers in The Prince Albert with a pie, pint and a half-ounce of ready-rubbed. So, that was the set-up and for 18 months it had worked like clockwork. In truth, the selected 12 boys actually altered very little, but, one day, Mark Jeffries fell off a shed and broke his arm.

Rumours ranged from "he was dead" to "he would miss the cup semi-finals". The semi-finals it was. I approached Mr Butterfield and asked who I should pick to be vice-captain in Mark's absence. He replied that nobody would replace Mark and that I should select the team alone. Now I knew I was in trouble for, as I have stated, Mark Jeffries was the best fighter in the year.

While Mark Jeffries picked a side, nobody was going to argue. If Mark Jeffries had selected Beryl the Peril in his side, everyone would have commended him for his plain sense and vision. Danny Baker picking the side was the signal for the vultures to start circling and sounded upon every malingerer's ear as the dinner bell sounds to Jimmy "Five Bellies" Gardiner.

They got me as early as assembly on Monday. There were four boys whom I shall call Junior, John, Phillip and Tony, those being their names. They were part of the unstable, menacing, gambling set who played "penny-up" against the wall. Except that they played with shilling pieces, a stake they could afford as it was originally the dinner money of one of the poor bespectacled saps they shook down on a rota basis.

Their message to me was simple. 1: The semi-finals were on Wednesday. 2: You got the whole afternoon off for the semi-finals. 3: Had I ever noticed how good at football they were? After holding out until I had firm assurances that they would one day let go of my hair, I finally caved in. I did insist that four was too many, though.

God knows, Mr Butterfield was going to raise an eyebrow at the inclusion of just one of these yobbos, whose only sports day gift thus far revealed was the expert accuracy they brought to a flicked wet towel against exposed buttocks in the changing-room.

They went into a huddle, a few coins were exchanged and I was informed that places for Junior and Tony would be enough to keep me out of casualty. To show there were no hard feelings as I turned to walk away, Phillip toed me so hard up the backside that I lifted off the ground like in a cartoon.

I am not proud of the team I pinned up in the hall that Tuesday afternoon. I shall carry the wounded and outraged looks of both John Howe and Bernard Sibley with me all my days, particularly Bernard, who I sat next to and, given that he liked bands such as T Rex and Fairport Convention, was never going to belt me.

They knew why I'd done it, but couldn't believe I hadn't let on until it was up for all to see. Their mums had already washed their kits and their dads proudly Dubbined their boots. Relatives and friends had booked time off work. Now this. Inexplicable exclusion. Sound familiar?

I needn't tell you that as soon as we left school to make the journey to Blackheath, both my surprise selections legged it in the direction of the Deptford Odeon. We remaining ten boys climbed the hill and shaped up against a strong Roger Manwood side that beat us 2-1.

Nobody spoke to me much afterwards and when Mark returned to school the next week, our Tuesday selection meetings had a much colder, less democratic air about them. The final straw was when he brought John Lupton along one day and the pair of them conducted business as though I wasn't there. I gave up the captaincy that summer; by Christmas I was dropped.

So yes, it has been a hell of a week. Perhaps though, spiritually, some good has come of it. I am now unburdened. I have let you glimpse as to why I am now feeling conciliatory towards the England coach. He, too, may have his reasons. And if anyone spots either Rob Lee or Darren Anderton chomping back handfuls of popcorn in the dark of their local fleapit ... we will also have our answer.

Somehow this week, I became involved in a debate about whether Greenland has a national side and, if so, how come we never hear of them? It seems Greenland does have a team, but, for whatever reason, they refuse to join Fifa and therefore, if I follow things correctly, cannot be allowed to compete in the World Cup. So given that they nobly choose to plough this lonely furrow, who on earth are their opponents?

Maybe Greenland are a really good side but remain untested. I wonder if it is not too late for my friend Paul to declare independence and opt out of Fifa, with its ridiculous veneer of bourgeois respectability. He might then look to recruit an alternative England side full of grudge-bearing, overtalented maniacs who travel the world in a pirate ship urging other nations to free themselves from the yolk and burn their blazers.

Then it's off to Greenland to stage a tournament that might truly shake the world. Hang on ... a friend tells me Greenland is just a chunk of Denmark and so hasn't got a national side after all. How sad. For a moment there I could sniff a new Woodstock.



RUSSELL BOYCE

Gazza points the finger at Hoddle as if to suggest that the England coach is not being entirely open about his decision not to include him in his World Cup squad

Real die-hard England fan

My appeal to the City of London to declare the World Cup period a holiday rather than punish workers whose absenteeism coincides with big fixtures throws the light on the lengths that some people will go to in order to watch football matches. Barney and Fez — not their real names — are undertakers. During the Italy v England game in Rome, they were watching the coverage on Sky when they were told they had a "pick up" at a senior citizens' rest home, where an old man had passed away in his sleep.

It was only a few minutes from half-time when Barney and Fez got the call and, at the whistle, they drove the 20 minutes to the home and presented themselves. They were shown to a neat and tidy room where, on the sofa and still upright, was the deceased. Left alone, they were administering their duties when Fez's eye fell upon a small plate screwed to the wall. On it were listed the channel set-ups for the nineteen-inch TV up on a swing shelf. Included in the line-up was: 9. Sky Sports.

Fez nudged Barney and then Barney looked at Fez and, in an unspoken moment, they knew that, what with paperwork this end and correct storage at the other, they would not be back home until long after the finish. And so the John Doe was lifted from the floor and placed back where he had expired and, with Barney alongside and Fez at his feet on the floor, the TV gave up its gift ... the last half-hour in Rome played out in front of, what we now know, was not necessarily the live worldwide audience we had all presumed.

They used to play on grass

I have dealt before in these columns with the results of playing while under the influence of all manner of substances, but have to admit that whacked-out athletes and fried on-field footballers are little but an intriguing theory and, without doubt, something of a rarity. However, the legends obviously have their attraction.

But can they be true? I do remember one match back in the Sixties when Millwall were playing at Reading and how my father and his friends were literally crying with laughter at the unsteady gait and comic timing shown by our goalkeeper as he flapped at crosses and, on one occasion, collapsed mid-run when his legs tangled whilst taking a goal kick. "Take more water with it!" they bellowed.

All superb fun and I roared along with the rest, even though I was not quite sure what they were on about. All I remember is the thrill of seeing a rare photograph of a Millwall player in *The People* the next day beneath the headline "Keeper Plays Whole Game With Fractured Skull After Motorway Smash".

Less dramatic but perhaps more to the point is a letter from Terry Painter, who says he quite often would smoke a little hashish before his Sunday morning game. His red card record — which before his indulging ran at about two per month — fell to the odd caution for a genuinely late tackle. However, even this positive side to the habit was soon wiped away when he widened his dope smoking circle to include two other team members.

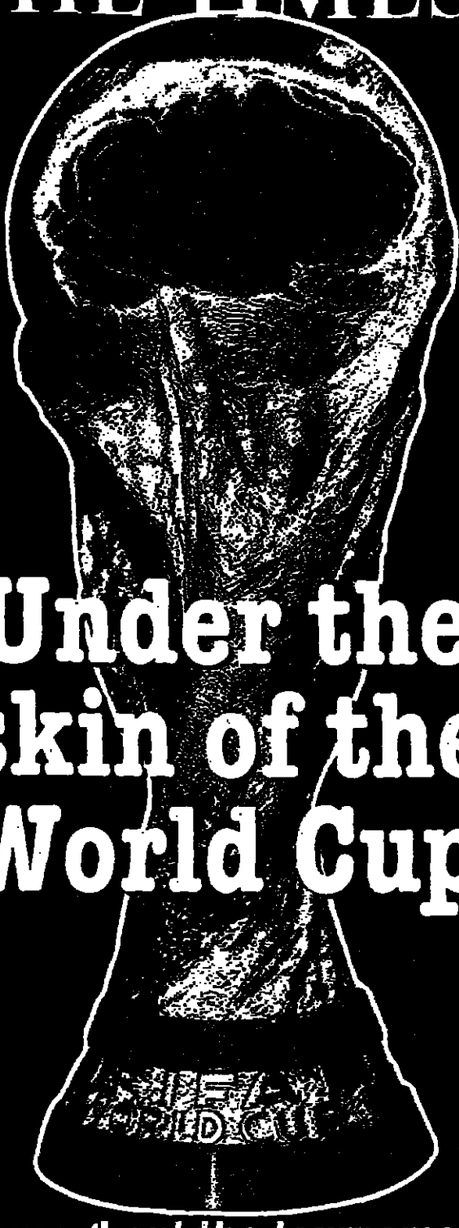
Before long, they would be meeting earlier and earlier to, as he quaintly puts it, "get a real buzz going by kick-off time". Inevitably, this led to the idea that they had no need for sleep on Saturday nights with the result that "about 20 minutes" into a fixture against a side at the foot of their league, first Terry and then his friends lay down and went to sleep. They couldn't even be roused for the half-time talk.

"Luckily," Terry admits, "we were resting far enough upfield so as not to be a threat to our own offside trap or spoil it for the attack." They were, however, so deeply zonked that they finally awoke after nightfall when the changing rooms were shut and had to walk home a few miles in full kit with boots. Kids — Don't Do Drugs.

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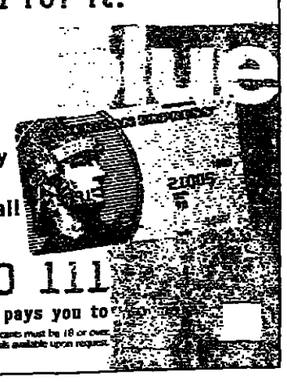


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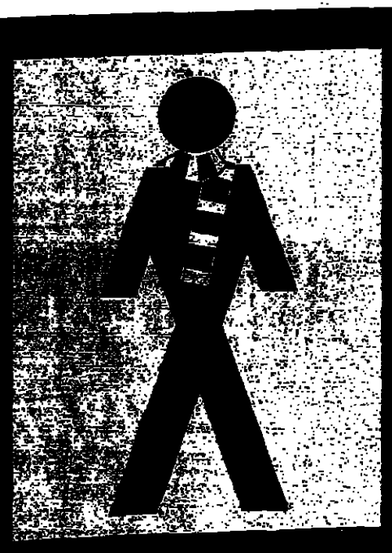


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Julian Muscat on the welcome renaissance of a former world No 1

Seles emerges from the wilderness

MONICA SELES embarks today on the most fascinating journey in sport. Her defeat of Martina Hingis in the semi-finals of the French Open suggested that she can resurrect her former glories after five years in the wilderness. Starting with the final here in Paris against Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, she is attempting to turn back the clock on a career stopped dead in its tracks.

The portents are not encouraging. As Andre Agassi has discovered after his year-long hiatus, time is the sportsman's greatest enemy and while it is true that Seles has been doing the rounds for the past two years, it has been only in counterfeit form. Her mind has been elsewhere, her body slack from the absence of regular practice. The real Seles has been missing since she was stabbed in the back in 1993.

Much of that changed with her victory over Hingis. The mind is healing; the body looked far leaner when she posted her first-round triumph over Annabel Ellwood, of Australia. After that match, she spoke positively about her father succumbing to cancer 11 days earlier. She has come out of the woods, if not yet into the clear.

What characterised Seles's game in the past two years was her inability to concentrate. In that time her thoughts have been, inevitably, with her father. She remains vulnerable to such lapses — witness her tame loss of the opening set against the unknown Marion Marushka, of Austria, in the second round, or the loss of seven consecutive games against Jana Novotna in the quarter-finals.



Seles will be seeking her fourth French Open title when she meets Sánchez Vicario in the final today

Against Hingis, however, she never once wavered. She was aggressive, deadly accurate off the ground and secure when Hingis mounted one last offensive in an attempt to retrieve the match. Seles dominated the contest as she had dominated all-comers in the early 1990s.

In addition, she reached that peak despite practising just once in the ten days between appearing in the Italian Open and her arrival here. "I had a great serve in Rome," Seles said. "Then I didn't serve for 12 days and my timing went. But I really think it will be back in the next two weeks, for Wimbledon."

Therein rests the belief that Seles, 24, can regain her former status as the world No 1. Few expected her to ruffle Hingis's feathers, let alone pluck every one of them. There is no doubt that Seles can get fitter, as she will be under the eye of Gavin Hopper, her coach of three months and himself a fitness freak.

"I talked to Gavin about where I wanted to take my game, which is to play even better than I did in 1990," she said, "but I had to realise the commitment I made to the game in those years. You have to simplify some things to be a tennis player. Obviously, other things have been more important in the past five years, but now I want to commit and work just as hard."

Seles's recent lack of practice has mirrored her fleeting presence on the tour this year. This is only her fifth tournament; that she should have reached the final is remarkable in itself. She appears far removed from the disorientated, overweight figure who exited Wimbledon in the third round last year — beaten by Sandrine Testud after winning the first set 6-0.

There is no more appropriate place than Roland Garros for Seles's revival. It was here in 1989 that she announced herself, reaching the semi-finals as a 15-year-old before succumbing to Steffi Graf on her grand-slam debut. This title, which she won for three consecutive years from 1990, was the only grand slam tournament televised in her native Yugoslavia.

Sánchez Vicario will be hoping to avenge her straight-sets defeat by Seles in the 1991 final here. The last time they met in November, Sánchez Vicario recorded only her second win over Seles in 16 previous meetings. Victory for Seles today would both confirm her renaissance and sustain her long-term ambition. In betting parlance, she is not one to oppose.

Spaniards have final word

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

THERE were to be no heroics from the lone Parisian soldier. An exhausted Cedric Pioline, surrounded by three Spanish semi-finalists at the French Open, fell to Alex Corretja under a sky becoming more oppressive by the hour.

The Frenchman simply could not recover from successive five-set matches to threaten a rampant Corretja. He succumbed in straight sets, Corretja thus advancing to his first grand slam final against Carlos Moyà, who had earlier dispatched Felix Mantilla in four sets.

It will be the second all-Spanish grand slam final in five years, after Sergi Bruguera defeated Alberto Berasategui here in 1994. Spain will also be represented in the women's final today when Arantxa Sánchez Vicario plays Monica Seles, of the United States.

Neither semi-final captured the imagination. The best efforts of a 14,000 crowd could not inspire Pioline, who had already taken more than 15 hours to dispatch his five previous opponents. Corretja, seeded No 14, used heavy topspin off both wings to unsettle Pioline and win 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Moyà, seeded No 12, prevailed over Mantilla by virtue of his superior all-court game. He was the freshest of the four semi-finalists and it showed in the way that he recovered from losing the opening set to win 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Mantilla, the No 15 seed, had his chances. He led 4-1 in the pivotal third set before Moyà reeled off the next seven games — including a run of 17 points out of 19 — to seize control. The cross-court drop-volley with which he wrapped up the third set was a gem.

After something of a false dawn, when he reached the final of the 1997 Australian Open, Moyà, 22, appears to be coming of age. He rebounded from a poor start to the year as soon as his feet touched the clay of Estoril in April en route to winning in Monte Carlo.

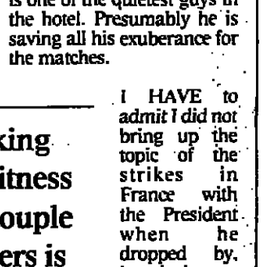
He has an extra dimension to most Spanish players in that he is happy to embrace adventure. "Last year, I was aggressive but not as patient as I am now," he said. "I thought hard court was my surface. The clay-court players were mentally too tough for me. Now I am mentally stronger and my fitness is good."

Moyà's versatility should serve him well against Corretja, whose game closely resembles that of Mantilla. In this match, he frequently advanced to the net to finish off a point, particularly with the drop-volley, a shot that he has improved this year.

Moyà contests the final having dropped only two sets in his six matches. Corretja leads Moyà by the odd victory after their three previous matches, all on clay.

Gascoigne's omission is overlooked by French

FRANK LEBOEUF



I understand my adopted country of England has gone Gazza-mad. Sorry to disappoint you all, but, here in France, the world has not stopped to debate whether Glenn Hoddle was right or wrong to leave out the Middlesbrough player. In fact, quite the opposite.

Good player as he is or was, Gascoigne's is not a name that automatically grabs the headlines in France. But then nor, believe it or not, does George Best's, despite the fact that he is a legendary footballer in your country.

No, it is why Gascoigne has been left out rather than the fact that he has which is of more interest, because I think it exposes differences in culture between France and England, with the different drinking habits and the love of wine on this side of the Channel and beer on yours.

Certainly, it would be almost unheard of for a French player to be left out for similar reasons. The English players were given a night off in La Manga to sit in the bar and have a few beers, but that is something that has not even been contemplated here in the French camp, where there appears to be a stricter watch on the players.

Take Wednesday night, when Jacques Chirac, the French President, came to see us at our training base. He kindly suggested a champagne toast for everyone to wish us good luck for the tournament. The offer was politely declined by the players and even Aimé Jacquet, our coach, abstained.

It was the same in Morocco, when we played in the same tournament as England. On the final night there, we were ready to relax, but there was a strict rule about not letting our hair down and we stayed off the booze. After a gruelling training session or a game, your body needs refuelling properly and, with a World Cup so close, it simply is not worth risking your fitness for a couple of lagers.

> 'Risking your fitness for a couple of lagers is not worth it'

You will hear few objections to Gascoigne's omission in France, but that is partly due to the esteem in which Hoddle is held by my compatriots. You have to remember that Hoddle was hugely respected when he was a player over here, not just by AS Monaco fans. Everything about the way that he approached and played the game won him admiration and nothing he has done as a manager has lessened that.

Gascoigne's omission has certainly been overshadowed by the news that Romário is missing, the Brazilian announcing that he would not be fit in a tearful press conference. The news from La Manga rated only alongside the revelations that Alen Boksic will not be lining up in the Croatia attack and that Angelo Peruzzi will not be between the goalposts for Italy.

With or without Gascoigne, England are regarded as outsiders because Hoddle has been in the job for less than two years and needs more time to develop his team and tactics. It will take more than Gascoigne's departure to change those odds greatly either way.

AS FAR as France is concerned, we will certainly not be afforded any patience. Winning the World Cup is not a hope, it is an obligation on home soil, but we are not being given the best possible chance by the media over here, that is for sure.

I know people in England feel the Press can be tough, but I doubt that your squad receive the kind of criticism we are enduring. There are reports of unhappiness in the camp and disgruntled players. We all sit around in our rooms and read it with disbelief.

Of course, playing a World Cup on home soil can be a great advantage, but at least when you are abroad you do not have to read your own newspapers! We just hope that the French public are not fooled. The feedback is getting better and better from the fans we meet.

A lot of attention, inevitably, will be focused on Zinedine Zidane, whose form with Juventus has propelled him on to the world stage. Strangely enough for such an expressive player, he is one of the quietest guys in the hotel. Presumably he is saving all his exuberance for the matches.

I HAVE to admit I did not bring up the topic of the strikes in France with the President when he dropped by, but it is certainly an issue that is causing plenty of anxiety over here. The pilots and train drivers are holding the country to ransom, as far as I am concerned, but they are doing themselves no favours because they are hurting their own people as well as the tourists, supporters and businessmen over for the World Cup.

Every week, a different group of staff seems to be threatening to strike and it is hard to keep track of what is happening. It would be a terrible thing if it damaged the World Cup, because I know how important it is that my country shows what a wonderful place it is to visit.

SO CHELSEA are providing players for nine different countries at the World Cup finals, surely more than any other club side in the world. Apart from myself, there will be Roberto di Matteo (Italy), Ed de Goey (Holland), Celestine Babayaro (Nigeria), Frank Sinclair (Jamaica), Graeme Le Saux (England), Tore Andre Flo (Norway), Dan Petrescu (Romania) and, perhaps cheating a little bit because he has not joined us just yet, Brian Laudrup (Denmark).

It has to be a measure of how Chelsea are growing that we can have so many talented internationals. Stick a Brazilian in there and I think you could guarantee the World Cup coming to Stamford Bridge. Who knows, maybe I will be giving it a polish next season myself! Enjoy the tournament.

RUGBY UNION: POOL-JONES WINS FIRST CAP AFTER SALE FLANKER IS FORCED OUT

England resolution on trial

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN BRISBANE

THE nervous, slightly irritable period that precedes the first match of any tour ends for England today. They have been dismissed by Australian administrators, all but ignored by the media and, if they have bothered to watch television, have been informed that Australia will "give them a bath" — that is, demolish them — under the Suncorp Stadium floodlights here.

A home victory, like the previous seven matches played in Australia between the two countries, is taken for granted. In a local shopping precinct this week, a modest crowd of up to 70 fans greeted John Eales, the Australia captain, and three of his colleagues for a signing session, whereas nearly 1,000 enthusiasts cheered their Queensland rugby league heroes, who were at the other end of the mall.

England have been left to assimilate everything their coaches tell them in blissfully warm and welcoming conditions. Four weeks' work has been packed into one by Clive Woodward and a battery of colleagues of whom, one suspects, Phil Larder will be the most critical because it is he who has master-minded England's defensive strategy.

Last weekend the squad watched the Super 12 final in which Auckland Blues, the reigning champions, lost to Canterbury Crusaders. It was a match won on unremitting defence and that is something that England can and must emulate.

Steve Ravenscroft, one of five newcomers to the England XV, has taken the lesson to heart, all the more so because he has benefited from playing at Saracens alongside Michael Lynagh and Philippe Sella. "These guys have the physical skills, but they also have a mental toughness, which all great sportsmen have," he said. The latter is a quality that no one, not even their coaches, knows whether this England party has or can acquire in the days ahead.

"There is a lot of apprehension but I can't fault the boys' enthusiasm and desire," John Mitchell, the assistant coach, said. "Whether that's good enough to bring us through remains to be seen. Some careers will be lifted on this trip, others will be finished. The difference at this level is about handling it mentally, but these boys are also professionals, it's their job and they have been slated. I would find that hard to accept ... these guys should be respected for what they have done."

One player whose career has lifted markedly is Richard Pool-Jones, who will win his first cap after the withdrawal yesterday of Pat Sanderson. The Sale flanker, on the verge of making his own debut, has gone down with tonsilitis, though the promotion of Pool-Jones, 28, increases the experience in the side.

It is nine years since he won his Blue at Cambridge University and, though injury has restricted his career, he has played in two French championship finals, for Biarritz in 1992 and last month for Stade Français in their victory over Perpignan.

Mitchell, canny New Zealander that he is, will have stoked the fires by reminding his team how comprehensively they have been written off. If there is one international in the four that await them that England would dearly love to win, it is this one, but, realistically, they are massive underdogs in a stadium where all but a handful of the expected 30,000 crowd seek their downfall.

The Australia team may be less than settled, but they have world-class performers in Eales, Tim Horan, Matthew Burke and, on his day, David Wilson and pace to burn from Ben Tune, who scored one of their two tries during the 15-15 draw at Twickenham last November.

There are only eight survivors from that game — which is five more than England have — for what Rod Macqueen, their coach, regards as the start of Australia's road to the 1999 World Cup. He has briefed himself on the unknown quantity that England represent through Jeff Miller, the assistant national coach, who has discussed with Lynagh the merits of individuals.

Macqueen faces a 13-match international programme this year alone and believes that he needs every one. "England will be a lot more committed that they were in Sydney last year [when, fielding players worn out playing for the British Isles they conceded four tries], they will be highly motivated. They have nothing to lose."

AUSTRALIA: M Burke (New South Wales), B N Tune (Queensland), D J Herbert (Queensland), T J Horan (Queensland), J W C Roff (Australian Capital Territory), S Larkham (ACT), G M Gregan (ACT), R L L Harry (NSW), P N Kearns (NSW), A T Blades (NSW), T M Bowman (NSW), J A Eales (Queensland, captain), M J Cockbain (Queensland), D J Wilson (Queensland), T S Kefu (Queensland)
ENGLAND: T R G Stimpson (Leicester); S Brown (Richmond), M B Perry (Bath), S C W Ravenscroft (Saracens), A S Healey (Leicester), J P Wilkinson (Newcastle), S Benton (Gloucester), G C Rowntree (Leicester), R Cockerill (Leicester), P J Vickery (Gloucester), D J Grewcock (Saracens), G S Archer (Newcastle), B Sturnham (Saracens), R Pool-Jones (Stade Français), A J Diprose (Saracens, captain)
Referee: A Watson (South Africa)

Lomu fails fitness test

JONAH LOMU and Michael Jones will not take part in the New Zealand trial match on Monday after failing fitness tests. Their participation in the international series against England later this month is therefore unlikely.

Jones, 33, has a back injury and Lomu, who returned to rugby last year after a kidney illness, has a foot injury. Todd Blackadder takes Jones's place at flanker in the shadow international side, while Tana Umaga comes in on the wing. The New Zealand side to play England in Dunedin on June 20 will be announced on Tuesday.

Scotland face New South Wales at the Sydney Football Stadium today, seven days before playing Australia.

Ireland have picked their strongest side to play Western Province in the third of seven matches in South Africa.

Alex Nicholls, the Zimbabwe coach, has played down his side's chances of beating Wales in Harare today. Nicholls said: "We would be foolish to predict a win, but, if Wales field a lot of new caps, we could upset them."

SAILING

Fine entry for coastal classic

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

FORTY-ONE yachts in five classes, the majority of them under 40ft long, set off tomorrow on one of the world's classic amateur coastal races, the 1,865-mile 1998 Two-Handed Round Britain and Ireland Race.

This is the seventh staging of an event that was first run in 1966 when Blondie Haslar, a war hero and legendary yachtsman, persuaded the Royal Western Yacht Club in Plymouth to organise a race through the demanding coastal waters of the British Isles.

The race is run in five stages, starting with a 230-mile passage across the Irish Sea from Plymouth Sound to Crosshaven in Cork Harbour, where the crews rest for the first of four 48-hour rolling stopovers. Each crew's 48 hours is timed from the moment that they cross the finishing line at the end of each stage, giving the race a pit-lane atmosphere.

The second stage is a potentially hazardous 440-mile trip up the west coast of Ireland to Castlebay in the Hebrides. Stage three is another 420 miles to Lerwick in the Shetland Islands before the crews start the longest stretch, 470 miles, through the North Sea to the final stopover at Lowestoft. The last leg takes the fleet through the Dover Strait and back down the Channel to the finish at Plymouth.

Although styled as an amateur or "Corinthian" race, this stern test of short-handed sailing has in the past attracted some of the biggest names in the sport. This year, Class 1, featuring boats of 50-60ft in overall length, includes Nigel Musto and Andy Hindley sailing *Musto Performance Partners*, an Open 60 previously known as *Gartmore Investment Managers* and sailed by Josh Hall.

In Class 2, Ellen MacArthur, the up-and-coming young single-handed yachtswoman, has teamed up with David Rowen at the helm of *Jeantex*, an Open 50 that won its class in the 1994 race, when it was known as *Nouvelle Observateur* and was skippered by Loic Blenken.

In Class 5, for yachts of 30-40ft, is the youngest skipper in the race, Alex Bennett, 21, sailing on *Modi Khola* with Dave Barden, 18, and the class features the only all-female crew of Mary Falk and Ashley Perrin on *Qll*.

There are 15 multihulls spread across the three smaller classes, including six trimarans and two catamarans in Class 5. The winners in each class are the first across the line, with separate prizes for multihulls and monohulls.

John Lewis, race director at the Royal Western Yacht Club, said that he welcomed both the number of entries, which is significantly up on the last race, and the presence of six foreign-registered boats. "The majority of yachts competing are under 40ft, which represents a great adventurous challenge and follows the original concept of the race suggested by Blondie Haslar in 1966," he said.

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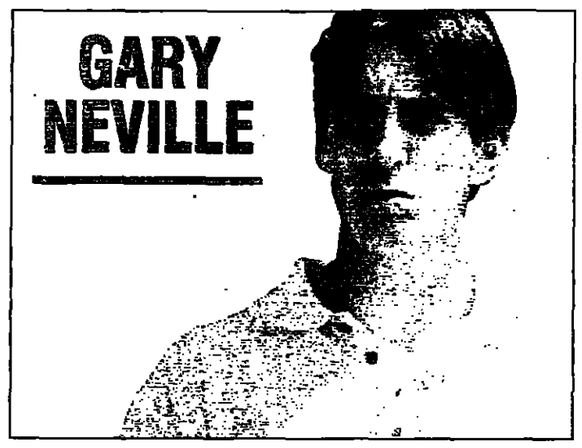


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FOOTBALL SATURDAY

When happiest day of my life turned into biggest disappointment

GARY NEVILLE



I have had some sporting disappointments before. I think the biggest was when Ben Thornley, my best mate, injured his cruciate ligaments just when he was about to break into the first team at Manchester United. Before that, when I was younger, I was always the king of going to football or cricket trials and not getting in.

It happened to me with Lancashire Schools cricket, England Under-15 cricket, trials at Lilleshall. Even in the county football team, the manager used to leave me out and have me as sub all the time. I was left out of the FA Cup Final one year, too. But none of it quite compares with what happened last Sunday. It had never really crossed my mind that my brother, Phil, might be left out of the final England World Cup squad.

I suppose it occurred to me briefly after he had been taken off at half-time in the final warm-up game against Belgium the Friday before, but then the boss took me off at half-time, too, so I didn't let myself worry about it too much.

When Sunday actually came, it was unbelievably tense for everybody. We all played golf in the morning and I was in the first group with the boss, Darren Anderton and Terry Mancini, who was helping to look after the travel for the trip to La Manga. Phil was in the group just behind us, with David Seaman, Ian Walker and Gazza.

The golfing groups determined which time we went in to see the boss later on, so mercifully I did not have long to wait. My meeting with the boss was fine. It did not last long and, obviously, it was a relief to get it out of the way. From then on, my thoughts were all about Phil, who went in two or three people after me.

Phil was in the room next to me so I went back to mine and waited for about ten minutes. Then I heard his door open and I knew immediately that it was bad news or else he would have come and knocked on my door. He was devastated. Gazza was in the room on the other side of me and he was distraught, too.

Anybody who says that footballers do not care about their sport should have seen the reactions of our 28 players and the whole of the England staff on that Sunday night.

It has never really happened to us as brothers before, where one has made it and another not. I'm two years older than him so that is part of the reason, but he was always captain of England cricket and the best player for the England Schools football team. He, at least, never really had a problem with not being picked for anything.

It really only hit me when I saw Phil and Nicky Butt walking away to be taken to the airport for the flight home. That was a horrible feeling. I went to Paul Scholes's room and we talked about it for ages. We were both close to Dion Dublin as well, so something that we all knew was going to be a nightmare day for everybody was made even worse.

I have to stress here that Glenn Hoddle has to choose the 22 players that he thinks are going to win the World Cup for England. No one can argue with that. He cannot listen to what everyone else thinks. It is up to him. That is why we all trust him implicitly. He is always going to make someone unhappy and if it had not been our family that was upset that night, it would have been somebody else's.

Phil's rejection hit me hard for a couple of days — I make no bones about that — but now that I have joined up with England again, I have put it behind me. I would not be a professional player if I didn't. I am representing the hopes of too many people to allow myself to dwell on it. I have to think about the future and not the past and about the fact that the boss has placed his trust in me that I can do a job for my country.

This week, though, it has been hard to get away from it. The fact that Gazza was left out brought it to the fore even more and, although I suppose that it took some of the attention away from Phil, the whole issue was everywhere we looked — either in the newspapers or on the television. The phone at home was ringing constantly.

I know people have been saying that Phil will have other chances and that he has a wonderful future ahead of him and I know there are a lot worse disappointments in the world, a lot worse things that could happened to him, but, at the time, it doesn't seem like it.

Yet if there was one thing that brightened up his night, it was the hug that Gazza gave him when the six that had been left out landed in England. Even after the shock and the disappointment that Gazza had had, he found the time to say some kind words to Phil. On that night of all nights, it meant a lot.

Sheringham shows lack of forward planning

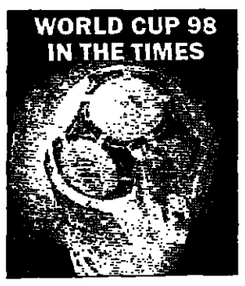
BY MATT DICKINSON

BARRING an all-night party in his Buckinghamshire hotel room this weekend, Teddy Sheringham will travel to France on Tuesday with the England World Cup squad. He should count himself a lucky man.

Caught in a Portuguese nightclub this week with a bottle of lager for breakfast and a karaoke hostess for company, the Manchester United striker added his mugshot to the rogues' gallery of miscreant England internationals.

It was a depressingly predictable episode that the 32-year-old was asked to explain yesterday when he reported back to the England training camp at Burnham Beeches and walked straight into a full, and frank, blast from Glenn Hoddle, the national coach.

Least of Hoddle's concerns,



in spite of reports that Sheringham was staggering into nightclub tables, will have been the player's liver. He will not have been the only international to have downed a few shandys this week.

Nor will the England coach have been alarmed to see the cigarette in Sheringham's mouth. The player is not known to be a smoker and his limp excuse, that he was imitating Paul Gascoigne, is believable.

What will have infuriated Hoddle more than anything is Sheringham's stupidity and indiscipline in embarking on the whole reckless adventure in the first place. The coach had expressly warned that every England player was being man-marked tightly by the tabloid newspapers.

Only a fortnight earlier, Hoddle had said: "When the players come back from La Manga, they will still be on England duty. The four days they are at home is the time to be with their families and friends, not to be out drinking. I don't want to see them in pubs and nightclubs."

Hoddle refused to be drawn on the issue yesterday, and a statement from the Football Association claimed only that there would be another meeting today to establish the truth of Sheringham's nightclub revelry. The prevarication is less to do with any cover-up, though, than a fear that there could be more damaging revelations in the weekend papers.

It will take a mountain of incriminating evidence for Sheringham to join Paul Gascoigne as an outcast from the England squad, however. Hoddle is many things, but, above all others, he is a pragmatic coach desperate to win the World Cup.

He knew that Gascoigne was unlikely to help achieve that target and it undoubtedly helped him make the decision to cast the Middlesbrough player out. Sheringham, despite signs of waning powers, remains a crucial and experienced member of his squad and he is still Alan Shearer's preferred accomplice.

There are those, of course, who claim that Sheringham's night out it is a storm in a pint pot. Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, was the most prominent apologist yesterday.

"It reminds me of what happened just before Euro 96 in Hong Kong, when they were on a night out. Of course those same players went on to do extremely well for England. They're young men, they've been in strict training. They are entitled to a break otherwise they would go insane."

Comparisons with the players' night out before Euro 96, when they poured spirits down each other in the Dentist's Chair are, however, erroneous. That was a night when the players were given official approval to let their hair down and they went out as a squad. They also stuck together when the aircraft on the journey home was damaged, accepting collective responsibility. Sheringham's case this week is a case of individual irresponsibility.

His actions brought condemnation from no less a figure than Sir Bobby Charlton yesterday. "This is another load on our shoulders and a lot of anguish for Glenn Hoddle to worry about," he said. "I am really disappointed about Teddy and I hope he feels suitably embarrassed. He has been given the responsibility of being one of our 22 players for the World Cup but is just not acting his age.

"You are the focus of the whole country and if the players don't have the common sense to behave themselves and act in a reasonable manner, it is absolutely nonsensical to think we have a chance of winning it."

As Sheringham scuttled into the camp yesterday, the man who is pressing him hardest for a place in the England team was sitting around and chatting happily about a week with his family.

As he signed a six-year boot deal with Umbro yesterday, Michael Owen revealed that the most strenuous thing he had managed this week was a round of golf in the weekly medal at his local club, Curzon Park, in Cheshire. The sporting prodigy, an eight-handicapper, went around in 80.

While Sheringham has displayed his worldliness, Owen still emits the charm of a wide-eyed kid who cannot quite believe what is happening to him. He seemed far more excited by the helicopter that carried him to and from the Docklands press conference yesterday than by the contract that made him a millionaire overnight.

Not for Owen the clubs and pubs. "There are so many pitfalls now that you have to be careful," he said. "Footballers are more in the limelight. You have to be more of a professional off the pitch as well as on it." Alas, it is too late to teach that to Sheringham.

CHRIS HARRIS



Owen keeps his feet firmly on the ground after his deal with Umbro yesterday

Romario heads roll call of unfortunates

Brian Glanville says the World Cup will be missing some leading lights

This may well go down as the World Cup of the absentees. What a formidable team you could make out of them all. A sheer embarrassment of riches up front with Gianfranco Zola, Romário, Alen Boksic and Pierluigi Casiraghi to choose from. Fernando Redondo, Juninho and Djalminha, perhaps even Paul Gascoigne, to figure in midfield. Matthias Sammer, Europe's best sweeper, to marshal the defence. Angelo Peruzzi to play in goal, with Ciro Ferrara in front of him. In the past week or so, stars have been falling like ninepins and now Dennis Bergkamp, of Holland, seems all too likely to join them.

Some, like Gascoigne, have been cast unexpectedly into outer darkness. Others, like Peruzzi, Romário and Boksic have succumbed to injury.

You could draw up two strong teams from those star players who, for one reason or another, are missing the World Cup. Both Peruzzi and Romário went down with calf strains. In Romário's case, it seemed to be more of a surprise to the player than to Mario Zagallo, his coach, who had announced already that the remarkable little centre forward, the outstanding player in the 1994 World Cup, would miss at least the opening game on June 10, against Scotland.

This is a shocking blow to Brazil and to their status as favourites. Ronaldo can still win any match, but, with Romário beside him, he is even more of a menace.

The Brazilians have also left Juninho behind, even though the little fellow seemed to have recovered bravely from a bad injury. Zagallo has also left out Djalminha, another attacking midfield player. When Romário dropped out, he brought in a defensive player, Emerson, of Bayer Leverkusen.

Very surprising indeed was the sudden withdrawal of the powerful Peruzzi, who immediately wished his probable successor, Gianluca Pagliuca — who was sent off against Norway in 1994 — good luck.

For England, the news that they would not have to face Boksic were they to meet Croatia in the second round must be reassuring. He would hardly have forgiven the kind of defensive mistakes they have made in recent games.

Germany have known for a long time that it was unlikely that Sammer, a former European Footballer of the Year and a salient figure in Euro 96, would recover from a chronic injury. They have no sweeper of his calibre and the recall of the ageing Lothar Matthäus was a sign of some desperation.

Of Gascoigne, what more can be said, other than to lament the fact that Hoddle, who in this case may be accused of double standards, has failed to call on Matthew Le Tissier, surely the only other English player with the capacity to do the unexpected. Chris Sutton refused to play for England B and became a non-person. Le Tissier did play, scored three goals and excelled against Russia B, and where did it get him?

Even less logical is the exclusion of Phil Neville, probably the best English player in the left back or left wing back position. He is certainly a better defender than Graeme Le Saux, the incumbent, and without him, where is the cover should Le Saux be injured.

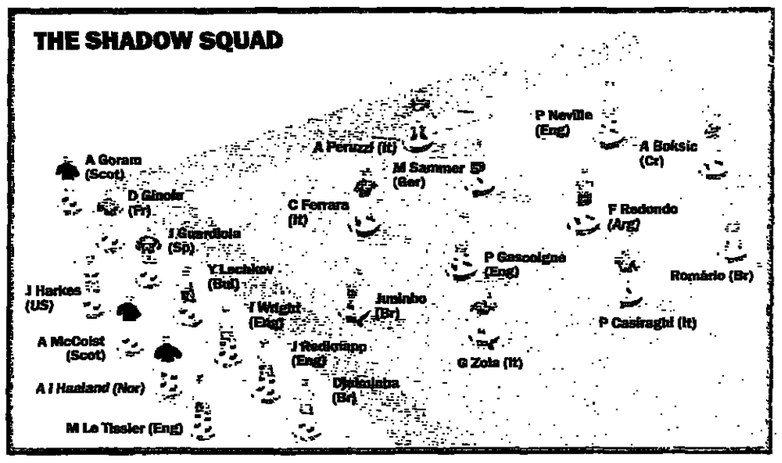
Debatably and self-destructively, Daniel Passarella, the Argentina coach, has set his face against Redondo, who had such an outstanding game in the European Cup final for Real Madrid. Redondo stays out though he did what Passarella had consistently told him to do — get his hair cut.

Casiraghi, of Italy, has some right to feel aggrieved. His was, after all, the goal that beat Russia in Naples in the second leg of the play-off, thus putting Italy into the finals. And Zola's was the goal which beat England at Wembley. Roberto Baggio's return to form and Zola's own injury-ridden season, plus tactical disputes last year with Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach, have counted against him.

There is no place in the Bulgarian squad for Yordan Lechkov, who headed the quarter-final winner against Germany four years ago, while David Ginola, for all his ebullience in Tottenham Hotspur's last, breathless weeks of the season, has still been spurned by Aimé Jacquet, the France coach.

Some injured, some controversially excluded, but spare a thought for the likes of George Weah, of AC Milan and Liberia, still one of the best players in the game, who will never play in a World Cup at all. But then neither did George Best.

THE SHADOW SQUAD



Injury edicts worry Scotland

FROM KEVIN McCARRA IN AVIGNON

SCOTLAND made a contribution to the World Cup even before they set off for France yesterday morning, but it is one that Fifa may not appreciate. Professor Stewart Hillis, who is vice-chairman of Uefa's medical committee as well as a member of the Scotland backroom staff, has warned of legal action being taken against the organisers if they insist on imposing strict regulations on the treatment of players.

Fifa has said that any player in need of treatment during the finals must be taken from the field. Hillis remembers being ordered from the pitch by a referee when he tried to treat a player who was injured during Scotland's trip to Japan for the Kirin Cup in 1995. He points to the serious potential consequences of such inflexibility.

"What happens if a player is denied immediate treament?" Hillis said. "There is an obvious need, for example, to staunch bleeding as soon as possible. It is established practice now to stop games immediately if someone suffers a head knock, but there is no point in doing that if you then prevent him from being treated at once. If a player develops long-term health problems, there could be litigation.

"Who would be sued? The doctor who has failed in his duty of primary care? The referee who has not allowed treatment? Or Fifa, who set the regulations? I have written to both Fifa and Uefa [the European governing body] about this. They say that it will be permissible to 'stabilise' a player, but without giving him treatment as such. That is not watertight and it still leaves something to be desired."

The issue is to be raised again by Hugh Dallas, the Scottish referee, when the men chosen to officiate at the World Cup gather for their seminars.



For Scotland, injuries remain hypothetical. A fully-fit squad arrived at its base near here yesterday and was joined by John Collins, the AS Monaco player, who had travelled independently from his home in the South of France. The loss of Gary McAllister, their captain, apart, it will take the games themselves to provide real worries and, for the moment, there is only the minutiae to occupy minds.

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, was interested to learn that the walk from pitch to dressing-room at the Parc Lescure in Bordeaux, where his side will play Norway, takes 3½ minutes. The round-trip, therefore, occupies seven minutes of the half-time interval. Brown will have to prepare a condensed version of his team talk.

Villa win race to sign Thompson

BY DAVID MADDOCK

ALAN THOMPSON, the England Under-21 international, has joined Aston Villa, in a £4.5 million transfer. Thompson confirmed at a press conference last night that he chose Villa Park despite the rival claims of six other FA Carling Premiership clubs, including Manchester United.

The 24-year-old admitted that the attraction of Uefa Cup football and the guarantee of a first-team place persuaded him to leave Bolton Wanderers and ignore even United, where he would have competed only as a squad player.

"It is a great opportunity for me," he said last night. "I spoke to Villa first and even though I spoke to the other clubs, I thought this was the right move for me. I loved my time at Bolton, but I need Premiership football and I am impressed by Villa.

"They will be in Europe next season, which is an exciting prospect. The facilities and the whole set-up here are wonderful. I have a great ambition to play for my country and I think that Villa Park will give me that platform."

Leeds United and Everton were amongst the clubs vying for the player's signature. Thompson had an impressive season with Bolton despite their relegation. He has signed a five-year contract at Villa.

Mark Goldberg completed his £30-million purchase of Crystal Palace yesterday and confirmed immediately that Terry Venables will become their manager.

The London businessman has been putting together a financial package to buy the club for some months, but, after an ultimatium earlier in the week from Ron Noades, the outgoing chairman, Goldberg hurried through the deal.

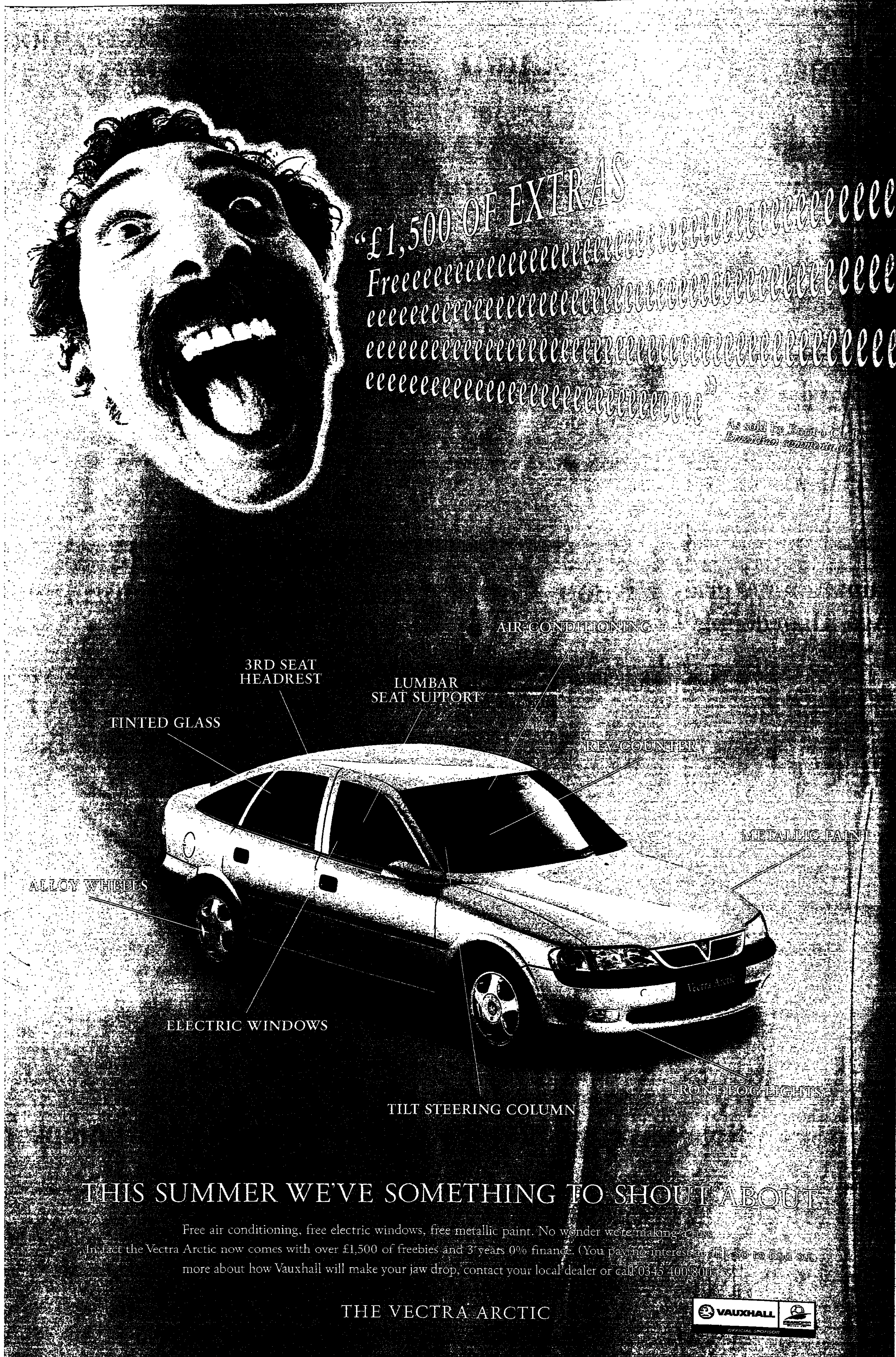
Venables takes his Australia side into international action for the final time this afternoon against Croatia before assuming control at Selhurst Park. Ray Lewington will join his management team as coach.

Everton held a four-hour board meeting yesterday to discuss — among other things — the future of Howard Kendall. Leaving the meeting yesterday, Peter Johnson, the chairman, insisted that no approach has been made to Martin O'Neill, the Leicester City manager, but such a move could still be made.

Significantly, O'Neill yesterday delayed a decision over his future at Filbert Street. The Leicester manager is worried about changes at the club and has demanded certain assurances. If he does not get them, he will walk out, with Goodison Park still a likely destination.

Wembley was his finest hour

GOTTFRIED DIENST, of Switzerland, who refereed the 1966 World Cup final between England and West Germany, has died at the age of 76. Dienst won a lasting place in World Cup history by allowing the third England goal, by Geoff Hurst, after consulting Tofik Bakhramov, his linesman. The debate over whether the ball crossed the line has raged ever since.



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RACING: PROGRESSIVE COLT HAS ENJOYED IDEAL PREPARATION

Greek Dance has stamp of classic champion

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

GREEK DANCE, a classically-bred colt who is short on experience but possesses an abundance of untapped promise, can come of age today and prove himself Britain's leading middle-distance horse by winning the Vodafone Derby at Epsom.

In recent years, a subtle yet significant change has taken place in the way some horses have been prepared successfully for the Derby. Instead of facing an onerous test of their ability at two and three in the run-up to Epsom, winners such as Commander In Chief, Lammtarra and Shaamit have shown that natural talent and a highly selective campaign can be equally rewarding.

From his earliest days on Lord Weinstock's Ballymacoll Stud, the product of a mating between Sadler's Wells and Hellenic stood out from his contemporaries. And when Greek Dance was sent to Michael Stoute at Newmarket, the champion trainer quickly recognised a special talent in his midst — and from those early days the Derby became the objective.

As a result, Greek Dance ran just once as a juvenile. In a conditions event over seven furlongs, he finished runner-up to the speedily-bred Tamarisk, who had enjoyed the benefit of a previous race and who then went on to chase home Xaar in the Dewhurst Stakes.

After wintering well, Greek Dance reappeared in a Newmarket maiden at the Craven meeting, where the style of his expected victory, rather than



Stoute: tender handling

its substance, was eye-catching. Always travelling sweetly for Walter Swinburn just behind the leaders, Greek Dance quickened impressively inside the final quarter-mile to win going away.

York was the next stop, but Stoute decided wisely to bypass the Dante Stakes, where his charge would have faced an unnecessarily tough race, in favour of the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes, where the colt's education could continue.

As at Newmarket, Greek Dance travelled supremely well throughout the race — an invaluable asset at Epsom — before quickening six lengths clear of Capri. The form is nothing to rave about — although the time performance was more than respectable — but the style of the victory again suggested there is much better to come.

Since then, Greek Dance has blossomed, answering his trainer's every call. Not only is he likely to be seen to better effect over today's longer trip, but he hails from a late-maturing family, which suggests substantial improvement. Above all, he has enjoyed a perfect preparation — unlike some of his rivals.

What the O'Brien-Tabor-Magnier camp has been playing at recently is anyone's guess. After a series of conflicting pronouncements, **King Of Kings**, **Second Empire** and **Saratoga Springs** all line up, but one senses an element of desperation, rather than confidence, behind their decisions. It is difficult seeing the speedily-bred King Of Kings staying the trip, a point underlined by Michael Kinane's decision to desert the 2,000 Guineas winner in favour of Second Empire.

Ante-post favourite during the winter, Second Empire has endured a nightmare preparation. After a muscle injury delayed his seasonal reappearance, he pulled far too hard for his own good in the Irish 2,000 Guineas before receiving the kid-glove treatment from Christy Roche.

Kinane takes over but backers have to take an awful lot on trust — especially at his cramped odds. It would be no surprise to see the battle-hardened *Saratoga Springs*, inferior at home but refitted with a visor, come out best of the Ballydoyle trio.

High-Rise, **Sadian** and **Courteous** should relish the trip but may lack the class, while there are stamina doubts concerning **Haami**, and, to a lesser extent, **Border Arrow** and **Gulland**.

City Honours, second to Saratoga Springs in the Dante Stakes, will enjoy a truer test of stamina but he is not mentioned in the same breath as **Cape Verdi** by the Godolphin team. She ran out one of the best 1,000 Guineas winners for several years at Newmarket (the form was boosted by the Oaks success of the runner-up, Shahtoush) and should stay the distance as she attempts to become the first filly to win the Derby since Fifinella in 1916.

The chances of the fast ground-loving daughter of Caerleon have not been helped by the recent rains, but she is undoubtedly the biggest threat to GREEK DANCE. Of the outsiders, *The Glow-Worm*, a course and distance winner and a fast-finishing second to Gulland in the Chester Vase, makes most appeal.

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY



RICHARD EVANS	CHRIS McGRATH
1, GREEK DANCE	1, CITY HONOURS
2, Cape Verdi	2, The Glow-Worm
3, Saratoga Springs	3, Greek Dance

THUNDERER	SIMON BARNES
1, GREEK DANCE	1, CAPE VERDI
2, High-Rise	2, Greek Dance
3, Cape Verdi	3, Haami

Shahtoush proves a revelation

By Chris McGrath

AS HIS very first runner at Epsom, Aidan O'Brien could treat Shahtoush as though she were on some sort of reconnaissance mission in the Vodafone Oaks yesterday. After all, today this extraordinary young trainer saddles three colts for the Vodafone Derby itself.

The Ballydoyle idea of reconnaissance, however, is not merely to discover what sort of opposition the main force can expect. It is to leave morale behind the lines utterly devastated — and Shahtoush, ridden with wonderful bravura by Michael Kinane, cut down the British-based fillies with a scything run from last to first.

BIG-RACE DETAILS

4.00 VODAFONE OAKS (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £177,000: 1m 4f 10yd)
1, SHAHTOUSH ... M J Kinane, 12-1
2, Bahr ... L Dettori, 5-2
3, Midnight Line ... K Fallon, 9-4 fav
ALSO RAN: 4 High And Low, 8 Cloud Castle (4th), 10 Napoleon's Sister (5th), 12 Tarascon (6th), 100 Trophy Wife. 8 ran. ¾l, 6l, 5l, 2l, sh hd. A O'Brien in Ireland. Tote: £9.20, £1.70, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £16.80. CSF: £39.05

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Shahtoush, left, gets the better of Bahr in yesterday's Oaks at Epsom

Disappointing in the Irish 1,000 Guineas just 12 days previously, Shahtoush (available at 33-1 in the morning) was a revelation over the extra half-mile here. Kinane detached her at the rear until making headway in Bahr's slipstream coming down the hill. Halfway up the straight, however, Frankie Dettori obviously felt that Bahr had her rivals covered, cruising into a narrow lead.

He would have been better off really setting her alight here, as he was shortly to be startled by the spectacle of Kinane sweeping by on his outside. Bahr battled back, so that it was six lengths back to Midnight Line, but the Irish raider had preserved an advantage of three-quarters of a length at the post. "I think I gave Frankie a bit of a shock," Kinane said with a grin. "It's a great achievement by Aidan to get her back for this after she ran poorly at the Curragh. The ground was very firm there, and I left alone after we got short of room two out."

O'Brien himself cut as diffident and self-effacing a figure as usual. As John Magnier, a central figure among his Coolmore backers, said: "His head is still the same size, and that'll never change. That's what endears him to everyone and makes him such a pleasure to work with."

Kinane, riding Second Empire today, has abandoned his 2,000 Guineas winner, King Of Kings, to Pat Eddery — who also got his eye in over course and distance when sharing a popular success with Silver Patriarch in the Vodafone Coronation Cup. The grey was exorcising the ghost of his dramatic Derby defeat 12 months ago, though for much of the race he seemed destined for similar disappointment.

For once again, he looked uncomfortable on the undulations, and he was further discomfited by a slow pace here. Indeed, he was last at Tattenham Corner but, when he found his stride, he passed the entire field — including Dettori, who had again seemed to be going best on Swain — to vindicate John Dunlop's decision to drop the St Leger winner back to a mile and a half this season.

Silver Patriarch will now go to Ascot for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. Peter Winfield, his jubilant owner, said: "He was a gallant loser — and now he's a gallant winner."

Wearing his MCC tie, all Winfield was left to hope for is that the same be said of Michael Atherton.

12-1 winner

THUNDERER selected the Oaks winner, Shahtoush (12-1), at Epsom yesterday.

Zainta aims to give Aga Khan double

By Our French Racing Correspondent

ZAINTA will be opposed by ten rivals as she attempts to extend her winning sequence to five and give the Aga Khan a second consecutive success in the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly tomorrow. The race will be screened live on BBC2.

Zainta, trained by Alain de Royer Dupré and who will be ridden by Gerald Mossé, will have the assistance of a pacemaker, Mannsara.

The unbeaten Kahyasi filly, whose owner, jockey and trainer landed the extended ten-furlong classic with Vereva 12 months ago, faces a rematch with Loving Claim (Oliver Doleuze), who ran her to a neck in the Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp three weeks ago.

Good Enough (Olivier Peslier), who finished third in the Saint-Alary, may prove best of the remainder in a field consisting solely of French-trained fillies.

The Paul Cole-trained Yorkshire attempts to follow up his victory in the Aston Park Stakes at Newbury in the eight-runner group two Grand Prix de Chantilly on the same card.

Richard Quinn will ride Yorkshire, while Kieren Fallon has been booked by Andreas Schutz for his German challenger, Asolo. Also in the line-up is Gazelle Royale, who was runner-up in last year's Vodafone Oaks.

☐ Frankie Dettori rides Handsome Ridge for John Gosden in the group two Premio Emilio Turati (one mile) at San Siro, Milan, tomorrow. However, he faces strong opposition from the German challenger, Waky Nao, easy winner of a group three contest over this trip at Baden-Baden last month.

CHANTILLY TOMORROW

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — BBC2

3.20 PRIX DE DIANE HERMES
(Group I: 3-Y-O: £141,414:) (11 runners)

1	(5)	13	MINORITY 28 (D,S) (K Abdullah) P Bary 9-0	S Guillot
2	(6)	3-0	MANNSARA 21 (H H Aga Khan) A De Royer Dupre 9-0	P Coppin
3	(8)	1-111	ZAINTA 21 (D,G,S) (H H Aga Khan) A De Royer Dupre 9-0	G Mosse
4	(3)	11-52	LOVING CLAIM 21 (BF,F,G) (M al-Maktoum) Mme C Head 9-0	O Doleuze
5	(4)	1-132	ANOTHER DANCER 26 (D,G) (J Byng) D Sepulchre 9-0	T Thulliez
6	(11)	2-42115	ABBATIALE 21 (D,G,S) (G Coude) D Sepulchre 9-0	F Sanchez
7	(2)	1153-50	PLAISIR DES YEUX 28 (G,S) (M Debeusscher) P Demercastel 9-0	T Gillet
8	(1)	0213530	FREAK OUT 49 (D) (Ecurie Fabien Ouaki) P Demercastel 8-4	A Junk
9	(9)	43-2263	GOOD ENOUGH 21 (Ecurie Fabien Ouaki) P Demercastel 9-0	O Peslier
10	(7)	3312-03	INSIGHT 7 (G) (Narchos Family) J E Hammond 9-0	C Asmussen
11	(10)	5	BANQUISE 55 (R Strauss) R Collet 9-0	D Boeuf

BETTING: 4-5 Zainta, 4-1 Loving Claim, 5-1 Insight, 8-1 Minority, 12-1 Another Dancer, 33-1 Abbatiale, Freak Out, Banquise, 50-1 others.

1997: VEREVA 9-0 G Mosse (5-2) A De Royer Dupre 12 ran

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Nottingham (first race, 2.30), Pontefract (2.45), Warwick (6.45), Windsor (6.30).

TUESDAY: Redcar (2.00), Salisbury (2.15).

WEDNESDAY: *Beverley* (2.30), Salisbury (2.15), Hamilton Park (6.50), Kempton Park (6.30), Uttoxeter (6.40).

THURSDAY: Carlisle (2.20), Newbury (2.00), Yarmouth (2.10)

FRIDAY: Sandown Park (2.00), York (2.10), Southwell (AW, 2.20), Chepstow (6.40), Goodwood (6.30), Market Rasen (6.50)

SATURDAY: *Bath* (2.00), Sandown Park (1.50), York (C4, 2.10), Leicester (6.45), Lingfield Park (6.05), Market Rasen (2.15), Hexham (6.25).

Flat meetings in bold

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TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.00: The fastest five furlongs in the world should suit *Westcourt Magic*, one of the quickest horses out of the stalls. Richard Quinn will probably try to use the five-year-old's early speed to grab a position on the stands' rail and make all the running. However, he may face a tough task from his draw, especially as there are other front-runners in the field and the Mick Easterby-trained runner tends to throw in the towel if headed.

Tadeo took advantage of a plum draw at Haydock last time, but could struggle from stall four. Speed On showed improved form on his seasonal reappearance, but needs genuinely soft ground. He appeared not to act on this course last year. Lamarita ruined her chance by hanging left at Haydock last time, but her earlier York third represents solid form.

In a wide-open race, it could pay to take a chance with **Bishops Court**, who possesses a high cruising speed, is well drawn and can strike for home inside the final furlong. The Lynda Ramsden-trained runner saw too much daylight at Kempton last time, but Jimmy Fortune should get sufficient cover here. The gelded Kilcullen Lad and The Limping Cat, both well drawn, look best of the remainder.

2.30: The Godolphin hope, **Intikhab**, a course and distance winner, is a confident choice. He progressed throughout last year when with the late David Morley and ended up with three victories, including a listed success here when he beat Almushtarak.

The four-year-old failed to stay a mile and a quarter when beaten by Annus Mirabilis in Dubai, but now returns to his ideal trip and ground. He has a good draw over this turning mile and is reported to be in peak form. Supercal was switched to the unfavoured centre of the track when a creditable fourth at Lingfield last time, and has claims on the best of last season's form. Almushtarak reopposes on worse terms and Ramooz, winner of the race two years ago, looks a bigger threat.

3.00: This ten-furlong event has a lopsided look to it with 9lb separating the top weight, Musalsal, and the next horse in the handicap. Fahs was third in this race last year off an identical mark and, arguably, put up his best effort for a year when running on strongly over an inadequate trip at Leicester on his first run for Geoff Lewis. The Epsom handler invariably lays one out for this meeting and he should go close.

However, I just prefer the claims of the progressive **Shadoof**, who recorded a career best effort when landing the competitive Zetland Cup at Redcar last time. The Willie Muir-trained runner has always been well regarded and can follow up off a 7lb higher mark. Kewarra made an impressive seasonal reappearance when winning on soft over course and distance in April, and would appreciate any rain.

3.45: See above

4.30 The Barry Hills-trained **La-Faah**, a respectable fourth behind Victory Note in the French 2,000 Guineas on fast ground, takes a significant drop in class and should appreciate today's easier going.

He holds Merlin's Ring on their Greenham form and may have most to fear from Daunting Lady, impressive winner of the Fred Darling Stakes, who has enjoyed a nice break since running creditably behind Cape Verdi in the 1,000 Guineas.

Royal Shyness showed progressive form last season and was beaten less than four lengths in the Cheveley Park Stakes. She appears to have trained on judged on her latest run in all-aged company at Bath. Parisian Lady was not disgraced from a poor draw at Haydock two weeks ago, but may prove more effective over six furlongs.

Richard Evans

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: INTIKHAB
(2.30 Epsom)
NB: Shaft Of Light
(5.05 Epsom)

EPSOM

THUNDERER
2.00 LAMARITA (nap)
2.30 Supercal
3.00 Fahs
3.45 Greek Dance
4.30 Daunting Lady
5.05 Shaft Of Light
5.35 White Emir

Timekeeper's top rating: 5.35 OH HEBE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Intikhab. 3.45 Cape Verdi. 5.05 SABADILLA (nap).

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

2.00 VODAFONE DASH RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(Listed race: £28,276: 5f) (15 runners)

101	(3)	4650-32	TO THE ROOF 18 (BF,CD,F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-9-3	K Fallon	107
102	(4)	0100-41	TADEO 14 (D,F,G,S) (J Good) M Johnston 5-9-3	Dean McKeown	109
103	(10)	424-034	BISHOPS COURT 7 (D,G,S) (D Brotherton) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-2	J Fortune	106
104	(5)	131400-	MOON STRIKE 251 (D,F,G,S) (A Foustok) Mrs A E Johnson 8-8-12	L Dettori	104
105	(11)	06033-1	SPEED ON 39 (D,F,S) (P Deal) H Candy 5-8-11	C Rutter	104
106	(8)	610-045	DANCETHENIGHTAWAY 5 (D,F,S) (G Bosley) B Meehan 4-8-6	J Reid	104
107	(7)	0-51010	WESTCOURT MAGIC 14 (D,F,G,S) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 5-8-3	T Quinn	106
108	(14)	01623-	ATLANTIC VIKING 218 (BF,D,F) (Atlantic Ltd) M Johnston 3-8-3	M Roberts	97
109	(2)	0464-20	REPERTORY 17 (D,G) (M Saunders) M Saunders 5-8-3	R Price	104
110	(12)	0313-33	LAMARITA 14 (BF,D,F,G) (Park Lane Racing) J Eustace 4-8-3	J Tate	108
111	(15)	2040-01	KILCULLEN LAD 11 (V,D,F) (G Tobitt) K Ivory 4-8-3	Martin Dwyer	102
112	(1)	0-05001	MANGUS 14 (D,F) (Danebury Racing Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-3	M Henry	97
113	(6)	1002-30	ITS ALL RELATIVE 39 (D,F,G) (R Leah) J Berry 3-8-1	R Ffrench	107
114	(9)	1404-0	OUAISNE 51 (B,D,G) (Matthews Breeding and Racing) R Guest 3-7-13	F Norton	106
115	(13)	513-6	THE LIMPING CAT 7 (D,F) (G Whitaker) B Morgan 3-7-10	A McCarthy	[111]

Long handicap: Lamarita 8-1, Kilcullen Lad 7-11, Mangus 7-3

BETTING: 5-1 Moon Strike, 6-1 Tadeo, Bishops Court, 7-1 Speed On, Lamarita, 10-1 To The Roof, 12-1 others.

1997: YA MALAK 6-9-2 Alex Greaves (13-2) D Nichols 12 ran

FORM FOCUS: To The Roof 2½l 2nd of 7 to Rambling Bear in stakes at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). Tadeo beat Anselman 1l in 9-runner handicap at Haydock (5f, good) with Lamarita (4lb better off) 6l 3rd and Westcourt Magic (7lb better off) 12l 7th. Bishops Court 1¼l 4th to Midnight Escape in stakes (listed) at Kempton (5f, good). Moon Strike 8¾l 10th to Tedburrow in handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm). Speed On beat Lochangel 2l in stakes at Bath (5f 11yd, soft) with Its All Relative (1lb worse off) 18l 7th. Dancethenightaway 2l 5th to Lidanna in group III stakes at Leopardstown (5f, good to soft). Atlantic Viking 1¼l 3rd to Happy Days Again in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). Repertory 7¼l last of 7 to Triple Hay in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm), previously ¾l 2nd to Divine Miss-P in handicap at Bath (5f 11yd, good) with Kilcullen Lad (11lb worse off) 6¾l 11th. Kilcullen Lad beat Malleamia 2½l in handicap at Redcar (5f, good to firm).

REPERTORY failed to stay last time but is well treated on other form

2.30 VODAFONE DIOMED STAKES (C4)
(Group III: £32,750: 1m 114yd) (11 runners)

201	(2)	100-215	ALMUSHTARAK 21 (F,G,S) (H Al-Mulawa) K Mahdi 5-9-9	R Cochrane	113
202	(1)	4120-61	HIDDEN MEADOW 11 (C,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 4-9-7	O Peslier	115
203	(4)	6244-21	RAMOOZ 24 (C,F,G,S) (H Salem) B Hanbury 5-9-7	Pat Eddery	117
204	(10)	1021-33	ALEZAL 35 (S) (H Spooner) W Jarvis 4-9-4	S Sanders	[121]
205	(5)	0010-10	BEAUCHAMP KING 21 (F,G,S) (E Penser) G A Butler 5-9-4	J Reid	108
206	(3)	2111-12	INTIKHAB 70 (CD,F,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-4	L Dettori	116
207	(9)	3013-30	MOUNT HOLLY 14 (G) (H Al-Mulawa) K Mahdi 4-9-4	J Fortune	89
208	(11)	060,033	SILCA BLANKA 20 (C,F,G,S) (G Duckhaven Stud) A Newcombe 6-9-4	T Quinn	87
209	(6)	/1054-5	TAYSEER 20 (F,G) (Mrs J Flint-Jones) W Muir 4-9-4	Martin Dwyer	106
210	(8)	33513-6	KENMIST 24 (BF,F,S) (Dr U Fasanotti) L Cumani 4-9-1	R Ffrench	116
211	(7)	320-624	SUPERCAL 28 (C,F,G,S) (Caledonian RS) D Elsworth 4-9-1	W R Swinburn	118

BETTING: 3-1 Intikhab, 9-2 Ramooz, 5-1 Almushtarak, Hidden Meadow, 8-1 Alezal, 10-1 others.

1997: POLAR PRINCE 4-9-4 R Cochrane (14-1) M Jarvis 9 ran

FORM FOCUS: Almushtarak 4½l 5th of 10 to Cape Cross in group I stakes at Newbury (1m, good to firm) with Beauchamp King (5lb better off) 9¼l 9th. Hidden Meadow beat Pas De Reponse neck in 6-runner group III stakes at Longchamp (7f, good). Ramooz beat Gull Shaadi ½l in 9-runner handicap at York (7f 202yd, good). Alezal 2¼l 3rd of 11 to Insatiable in stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). Intikhab 6l 2nd of 10 to Annus Mirabilis in stakes at Nad Al Sheba (1m 2f, AW). Silca Blanka 4½l 3rd of 9 to Rock Falcon in handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). Supercal 1¾l 4th of 9 to Natoushka in fillies stakes listed at Lingfield (7f, good).

ALMUSHTARAK likes cut and takes a step down in class

3.00 VODAFONE HANDICAP (C4)
(£31,360: 1m 2f 18yd) (14 runners)

301	(12)	0304-22	MUSALSAL 16 (F,G) (M al-Maktoum) B Hills 4-9-10	M Hills	115
302	(8)	0216-24	FUTURE PERFECT 23 (D,F,S) (R O M Racing) P Cole 4-9-1	T Quinn	119
303	(2)	1101-11	AMERICAN WHISPER 35 (D,F,G,S) (Confederates) P Harris 4-8-13	C Lowther	117
304	(11)	50-2635	ALMOND ROCK 20 (G,S) (C I T Racing Ltd) J Fanshawe 6-8-9	W R Swinburn	122
305	(1)	51056-2	SONG OF FREEDOM 14 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-9	L Dettori	115
306	(7)	01100-1	KEWARRA 45 (CD,F,G,S) (G Palmer) B Millman 4-8-9	K Fallon	109
307	(4)	1051-52	CONSPICUOUS 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 8-8-6	A Daly (3)	115
308	(6)	00-0054	ANOTHER TIME 10 (D,F,G) (D Sullivan) S Woods 6-8-4	Pat Eddery	121
309	(3)	6840-51	SHADOOF 12 (D,F) (Mrs H Levy) W Muir 4-8-0	Martin Dwyer	116
310	(10)	36010-3	FAHS 12 (D,G) (City Industrial Supplies Ltd) G Lewis 6-7-10	R Ffrench	113
311	(13)	53-1024	TOUJOURS RIVIERA 128 (F,G) (Exdreco) J Pearce 8-7-10	P Bradley (7)	109
312	(14)	0003042	SECRET BALLOT 7 (BF,D,S) (W al-Maktoum) K Mahdi 4-7-10	M Baird (3)	114
313	(9)	450-131	CARLYS QUEST 14 (V,D,F,S) (J Williams) J Neville 4-7-10	A McCarthy (3)	[125]
314	(5)	85200-0	SILVER GROOM 14 (D,F,S) (Silver Darling Pins) M Channon 8-7-10	M Henry	108

Long handicap: Toujours Riviera 7-8, Secret Ballot 7-7, Carlys Quest 7-6, Silver Groom 7-5

BETTING: 9-2 Song Of Freedom, 6-1 American Whisper, 7-1 Musalsal, 8-1 Future Perfect, Conspicuous, 10-1 Kewarra, Shadoof, Fahs, 12-1 others.

1997: CHAMPAGNE PRINCE 4-9-5 C Lowther (15-2) P Harris 14 ran

FORM FOCUS: Musalsal 3l 2nd of 5 to Faithful Son in stakes (listed) at Goodwood (1m 1f 192yd, good to firm). Future Perfect 1l 4th of 13 to Prince Of Denial in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good) with Another Time (2lb better off) 2½l 5th. American Whisper beat Future Perfect (3lb better off) 1l in 14-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) with Another Time (9lb better off) 4½l 8th. Almond Rock 5¾l 5th of 9 to Rock Falcon in handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). Song Of Freedom 1l 2nd of 14 to Flint Knapper in handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm) with Secret Ballot (1lb worse off) 5¾l 4th and Silver Groom (1lb better off) 9¾l 8th. Kewarra beat Present Arms 3l in 15-runner handicap at Epsom (1m 2f 18yd, soft) with Almond Rock (8lb better off) 4¾l 6th and Another Time (11lb better off) 38l 11th. Conspicuous ¾l 2nd of 12 to China Red in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). Another Time 3¾l 4th of 10 to Supreme Sound in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm). Shadoof beat Mowelga 1¾l in 8-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm). Fahs 6¾l 3rd of 12 to Welcome Heights in handicap at Leicester (1m 8yd, good). Toujours Riviera 7¼l 4th of 6 to Amadour in handicap at Lingfield (1m 4f, AW). Secret Ballot sh hd 2nd of 8 to Statajack in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good). Carlys Quest beat Brave Noble ¾l in 8-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 2f 169yd, good to firm).

AMERICAN WHISPER goes from strength to strength and is still well treated

3.45 VODAFONE DERBY STAKES (C4)
(Group I: 3-Y-O: £598,690: 1m 4f 10yd) (15 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE PAGE 41

4.30 VODAFONE SURREY STAKES (C4)
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £21,444: 7f) (9 runners)

501	(2)	1011-24	LA-FAAH 27 (D,G,S) (H al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-3	R Hills	[127]
502	(5)	5311-30	MERLIN'S RING 27 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Plummer) I Balding 9-3	O Peslier	110
503	(3)	3203-16	DAUNTING LADY 34 (D,G,S) (E Nagell-Erichsen) R Hannon 8-12	R Hughes	123
504	(6)	112-5	BINTANG 27 (F,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-11	L Dettori	117
505	(8)	1-255	MISTER RAMBO 14 (G) (Abbott Racing Ltd) B Meehan 8-11	W R Swinburn	100
506	(1)	2-421	VOLONTIERS 14 (D,S) (Commoners) P Harris 8-11	Pat Eddery	97+
507	(7)	11411-0	REGAL REVOLUTION 34 (F,G,S) (S Stach) P Walwyn 8-10	J Lowe	111
508	(9)	11420-4	PARISIAN LADY 14 (F) (Advanced Marketing Ltd) A Newcombe 8-6	J Reid	106
509	(4)	3213-04	ROYAL SHYNESS 27 (G) (R Hubbard) G Lewis 8-6	M Hills	121

BETTING: 2-1 La-Faah, 4-1 Daunting Lady, 5-1 Bintang, 8-1 Regal Revolution, Royal Shyness, 12-1 Merlin's Ring, Volontiers, 14-1 others.

1997: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS: La-faah 5l 4th of 12 to Victory Note in group I at Longchamp (1m, good) with Merlin's Ring (levels) 20l 10th. Daunting Lady 23l 6th of 16 to Cape Verdi in group I at Newmarket (1m, good) with Regal Revolution (2lb better off) 45l 13th. Bintang 5l 5th of 11 to Tiger Hill in group II at Cologne (1m, good). Mister Rambo 4l 5th of 6 to Speedfit Too in stakes (listed) at Kempton (1m, good to firm). Volontiers beat Hebony 10l in maiden stakes at Haydock (7f, good to soft). Parisian Lady 12l 4th to Eastern Purple in handicap at Haydock (6f, good to soft). Royal Shyness 5l 4th of 9 to Lochangel in listed stakes at Bath (5f 161yd, good)

DAUNTING LADY ran well in the 1,000 Guineas and will be suited by this trip

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	8	21	38.1	D Sweeney	3	5	60.0
H Cecil	5	19	26.3	K Fallon	7	31	22.6
M Johnston	9	35	25.7	R Ffrench	3	14	21.4
J Dunlop	9	37	24.3	S Sanders	15	75	20.0
W Muir	3	13	23.1	Pat Eddery	15	78	19.2
J Berry	7	34	20.6	L Dettori	11	67	16.4

5.05 VODAFONE INTERNATIONAL RATED HANDICAP
(£24,926: 1m 4f 10yd) (15 runners)

601	(8)	422-156	RUNNING STAG 41 (R Cohen) P Mitchell 4-9-7	R Cochrane	116
602	(5)	/0030-4	SHII-TAKE 16 (C,F) (C Batt) Mrs A Perrett 4-9-5	J Reid	96
603	(3)	060-024	PRESENT ARMS 35 (D,F,S) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 5-9-3	T Quinn	119
604	(6)	106-431	PRINCE OF DENIAL 23 (F,G,S) (J Guthin) D Arbuthnot 4-9-3	S Whitworth	111
605	(4)	12036/	SUMMER SPELL 35J (S) (W, M & Mrs E Robins) N Henderson 5-9-2	W Ryan	–
606	(11)	45211-	SABADILLA 210 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-0	L Dettori	[128]
607	(7)	54013-3	BENATOM 17 (D,F,G) (Lordship Stud) D Elsworth 5-8-12	K Fallon	100
608	(2)	11353-6	SHAFT OF LIGHT 34 (V,CD,F,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-8-10	W R Swinburn	121
609	(9)	320500-	WILLIE CONQUER 210 (D,F) (R Tooth) Miss G Kelleway 6-8-10	S Sanders	106
610	(1)	00-0041	HAJR 16 (D,F,G) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-8-7	Pat Eddery	116
611	(14)	30065-2	PAPUA 22 (F) (R Hitchins) I Balding 4-8-7	Martin Dwyer	108
612	(12)	344140-	MACHIAVELLI 20J (D,G) (B & C Pennock) G L Moore 4-8-7	J Fortune	101
613	(10)	02-5400	STATE FAIR 17 (B,F) (R Richards) B Hills 4-8-7	D Holland	114
614	(13)	-014131	TOUGH LEADER 12 (D,F) (G Grayson) B Hanbury 4-8-7	R Ffrench	117
615	(15)	25114-0	JAWAH 52 (BF,G,S) (H Al-Mutawa) K Mahdi 4-8-7	M Baird (3)	111

Long handicap: Papua 8-6, Machiavelli 8-5, State Fair 8-5, Tough Leader 8-2, Jawah 7-12.

BETTING: 5-1 Hajr, 6-1 Sabadilla, 7-1 Prince Of Denial, Shaft Of Light, 8-1 Present Arms, Benatom, 10-1 others.

1997: ARABIAN STORY 4-8-11 L Dettori (3-1 fav) Lord Huntingdon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS: Running Stag 5¾l 6th of 10 to Ferrari in group II stakes at Cologne (1m 4f, soft). Shii-Take 6l 4th of 5 to Faithful Son in stakes (listed) at Goodwood (1m 1f 192yd, good to firm). Present Arms 2¼l 4th of 11 to Insatiable in stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). Prince Of Denial beat Generous Libra 1l in 13-runner handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). Summer Spell 11l 6th of 12 to Salmon Ladder in group III at Newbury (1m 4f 5yd, soft). Sabadilla beat Taunt 8l in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft) with Shaft Of Light (20lb better off) 8¾l 3rd and Willie Conquer (20lb better off) 18l 7th. Benatom 1¼l 3rd of 7 to Henry Island in handicap at Goodwood (1m 6f, good to firm) with State Fair (2lb worse off) 40l last. Shaft Of Light 16l 6th to Arctic Owl in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). Hajr beat Dream Of Nurmi 1½l in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). *Papua ¾l 2nd of 13 to Al's Alibi in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm). Machiavelli* 41l last of 17 to Sausalito Bay in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm). Tough Leader beat Premier Generation 1½l in 16-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm).

SABADILLA relishes some cut and is open to a lot of improvement

5.35 VODAFONE DATA NETWORK HANDICAP (£24,850: 6f) (17 runners)

1	(14)	604-020	SUPERIOR PREMIUM 25 (S) (J Parsons) R Fahey 4-10-0	J Fortune	100
2	(2)	0-63031	BOLD EFFORT 20 (B,D,F,S) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 6-9-11	J Reid	97
3	(10)	500-046	SELHURSTPARK FLYER 35 (CD,F,S) (C & A Dewers) J Berry 7-9-10	C Lowther	109
4	(6)	040/0-0	DOMULLA 25 (CD,F,G,S) (A Boon) T D McCarthy 8-9-10	S Whitworth	87
5	(13)	44530-6	OGGI 17 (D,F,G,S) (Skyline Racing Ltd) P Makin 7-9-7	R Cochrane	103
6	(12)	256-400	HOPPING HIGGINS 27 (G,S) (P Kelly & Partners) R Hannon 3-9-5	R Hughes	97
7	(8)	414503-	FARAWAY LASS 224 (D,F,G) (J Rose) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-4	D Holland	101
8	(4)	00-0000	JAYANNPEE 14 (D,F,G) (I Balding) I Balding 7-9-0	L Dettori	106
9	(3)	261-301	SUPREME ANGEL 14 (D,G) (Least Moved Pairs) M Muggeridge 3-8-10	D Griffiths (3)	97
10	(1)	30-0006	PRINCE DOME 11 (D,F,S) (G Jones) M Wane 4-8-9	Martin Dwyer	89
11	(7)	50026-2	SHAMANIC 45 (D,F,G) (Aston House Stud) S Woods 6-8-9	T Quinn	107
12	(17)	1162213	DIVINE MISS-P 20 (D,F,G,S) (A Spargo Ltd Toolmakers) J Cullinan 5-8-8	D Sweeney	106
13	(9)	20000-2	WHITE EMIR 20 (F,G,S) (Three Bears Racing) B Millman 5-8-4	M Roberts	108
14	(16)	0133241	THE FUGATIVE 7 (CD,G,S) (J Redmond) P Mitchell 5-8-4	R Ffrench	106
15	(5)	1033-60	HEVER GOLF ROCKET 54 (D,G) (Hever Racing Club) T Naughton 4-8-2	C Rutter	95
16	(15)	1131150	FAST FRANC 31 (BF,D,S) (Mr & Mrs D Flahive) T Naughton 3-8-1	M Henry	100
17	(11)	43-106	OH HEBE 23 (S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-8-1	F Norton	[116]

BETTING: 6-1 Oggi, 7-1 Shamanic, 8-1 Supreme Angel, 10-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, Divine Miss-P, 12-1 others.

1997: WARNING TIME 4-9-6 J Reid (14-1) B Meehan 12 ran

FORM FOCUS: Superior Premium 7½l 8th to World Premier in handicap at York (6f, good) with Domulla (1lb better off) 8¼l 9th. Bold Effort beat White Emir (2lb better off) neck in handicap at Kempton (6f, good to firm). Oggi 3¾l 6th to Triple Hay in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). Hopping Higgins 9¼l 7th to Lochangel in listed stakes at Bath (5f 161yd, good). Faraway Lass 2½l 3rd to Rudi's Pet in handicap at Doncaster (5f, good). Supreme Angel beat Distinctive Dream neck in handicap at Kempton (6f, good to firm) with Jayannpee (7lb better off) 3¼l 9th. Prince Dome 3¼l 6th to Kilcullen Lad in handicap at Redcar (5f, good to firm). Shamanic 1¼l 2nd to Marengo in handicap at Epsom (6f, soft) with The Fugative (7lb worse off) 1¾l 3rd, Selhurstpark Flyer (4lb better off) 2¼l 4th and Jayannpee (13lb better off) 12l 9th. Divine Miss-P 1¼l 3rd to First Maite in handicap at Ripon (5f, good). The Fugative beat Fairy Prince 1l in handicap at Lingfield (6f, good)

SELHURSTPARK FLYER should be spot on now and goes well here

Godolphin mastermind seeks dry run for Cape Verdi's challenge to 82 years of Derby history

Passionate sheikh turns an anxious eye to the sky



Dawn on the gallops at Newmarket this week and Sheikh Mohammed watches as his horses prepare for the challenge of Epsom. Photographs: Hugh Routledge

SIMON BARNES

Talking horse



Passion. No lesser term will do. Burning with it. Six in the morning, Newmarket Heath still deserted, first lot barely ready to leave the town's endless yards — and here was a man consumed with passion. Fretting quite dreadfully, for not even a sheikh can control the weather. Perhaps that is the attraction. Stay dry. Stay dry until Saturday teatime. Then you can rain all you like. Let it not rain until the Derby is run.

I always love these glorious, fretful moments: the days before the race, when every horse is still a champion and anticipation freshens and fills in the morning dew. "So do I," Sheikh Mohammed said. "This time is the best."

There they came, the Godolphin string, all alike with blue silks on their skull-caps, lobbing along in a quiet canter. Sheikh Mohammed's binocular-bearer — is that his sole job, I wonder? — handed the sheikh his bins. Quiet, intense, burning.

"She comes." And come she did. Cape Verdi, the greatest filly that ever drew breath. Perhaps. We will know more at tea-time today. A beautiful, economical canter, skimming the turf with her daisy-cutting stride. Can you purr anxiously? If so, that is what Sheikh Mohammed was doing.

"I am pleased, yes. A good filly. But I don't want rain. If it does not rain, the horse with most speed will win. If it rains, the race will go to the most enduring. I don't want rain."

Cape Verdi runs in the Derby. This is wild and wacky stuff, because she is a filly. The fillies have their own Epsom classic, The Oaks, which was run yesterday. "We have won the Oaks many times" — as if a Classic were a mere bauble, a bagatelle, a nugacity. Perhaps it is, but only for Sheikh Mohammed.

In theory, the Derby is a race for colts and fillies. In practice, only the boys contest it. The last filly to win the Derby was Fifinella in 1916. It is reckoned to be too much to take on the boys, especially as there is a classic for the girls alone.

"But this is the Derby," Sheikh Mohammed said. "The top, the top, the top." The Oaks looked like a lay-down for Cape Verdi: after all, they are still treating the scorch-marks that she left on the Rowley Mile after she claimed her blazing victory in the first fillies' classic of the season, the 1,000 Guineas.

But, startlingly, Sheikh Mohammed refused to play safe. He didn't want just one more classic. He wanted another Derby. *His* Derby. Perhaps every trainer in the land would have advised against this. It would, in a sense, be every trainer's duty to advise against it.

But this is Godolphin. This is the Sheikh's baby, his pride, his joy, his passion. The horses are trained in the name of Saeed bin Suroor; there is also a racing manager, Simon Crisford. "We all advise, we all have a vote," Crisford said, "but Sheikh Mohammed has two votes. At least."

Sheikh Mohammed, listening to this, nodded agreement. He is a democrat: he always listens carefully to others before doing exactly what he wants. Which, in this case and in many cases before, is to defy conventional wisdom and go for broke.

"The public want to see the best horses racing aginst the best horses and I want to see it. Because — it is *FUN*!" It is hard to say the word "fun" with such ferocity.

Sheikh Mohammed's wealth is dazzling, so much so that it obscures what lies behind it. Which is passion. Blazing, driving passion. Passion not for self-aggrandisement, or renown or glittering prizes: passion for horses. "For all animals. I love to be with animals. If you come to my house, you see many animals, lions, tigers, gazelles." No guinea-pigs, then.

> The last filly to win the Derby was Fifinella in 1916. Since then, it has been too much to take on the boys

His earliest memory is being on a horse, his father riding behind him, and he aged two. His boyhood was spent with hard-running Arab horses; his youth race-riding. It is conventional to think of the racing sheikhs as languid playboys, another million-quid horse, another toy, another point won or lost in the private game they play among themselves.

Sheikh Mohammed is about as languid as a hurricane. Stand on the gallops with most trainers alongside most owners and learn one of the crucial aspects of the trainer's art: how, without offence, to explain to the owner exactly which horse is his.

This is easy for Sheikh Mohammed in one sense. There are 45 horses trained for Godolphin at Dalham Hall Stud and they are all his, but he knows every one of them, forwards and backwards and sideways. "I know more than a trainer," he said.

"Trainers would not listen to me. That is why I started Godolphin." His basic notion was, like all great ideas, simplicity itself. And audacious. The Godolphin horses do as wild horses do: they migrate south for the winter. They go to Dubai. The theory — no, the reality — is that they start the season a beat ahead of their rivals and the trick is to keep them that way.

Sheikh Mohammed has many horses in training all over the world and they are his delight; but he also had Godolphin and that is his pride and joy. "I come here when these birds come," he said, indicating the house martins wheeling and nest-building beneath the eaves at Moulton Paddock Stables.

Horsemanship is also his pride. He rides in endurance races: 100 miles is a long way for horse and rider both. He told a story about being overtaken by Crisford with a handful of miles to go. "But I knew. I knew to save my horse. You feel his heart, through your legs, and you know what he has to give. So I saved him and, in a few miles, I passed Simon and his horse again. Both were finished."

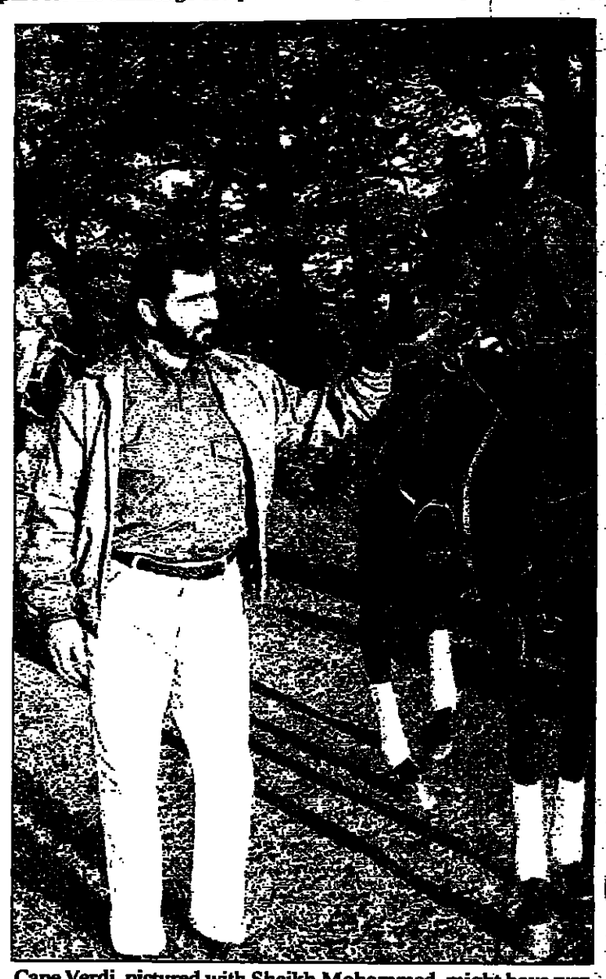
But which was the horse of a lifetime? No. That would be to look back. "I have fine memories, I am grateful," he said, "but I look always to the next horse, the next *great* horse. Always to move forward. If you idle, if you stand still — you lose, you go backwards." He waved his hands and tossed in lightly the perfect throwaway line. "It is the same with running a country." Sheikh Mohammed is defence minister of the United Arab Emirates, but he doesn't believe in sticking remorselessly to the day-job.

"To train an animal. To find that it is the best," he said. "It is the same with a falcon. When you have the best, when you have trained the best." Sheikhs like falcons, perhaps for their shared falconine profiles.

And the same fierce joys. There is drive to outdo and, when you have outdone everybody else, a desire to outdo yourself. I mentioned Ayrton Senna, who was a man of almost mystical passion, possessed by an unquenchable urge to beat his own achievements, again and again. Sheikh Mohammed nodded. "I too am like that."

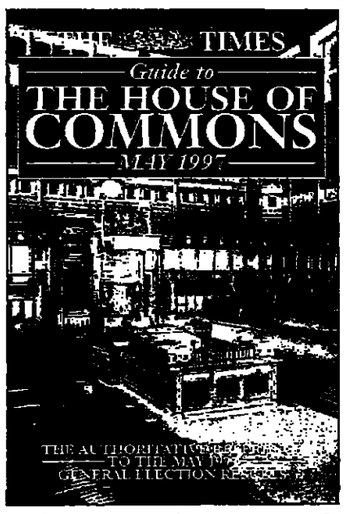
We think of the racing sheikhs as rich dilettantes, boys with toys of incalculable value. Sheikh Mohammed thinks of himself as an elite sportsman, like Senna, not so much a driver as a driven man. Certainly, he has thrown money at his horses, countless millions of the stuff. So much so that we have failed to see what else he has thrown at his horses. His heart. His soul. Oh, and his brain, too.

With millions and no ability, he would have succeeded as an ordinary owner in some degree. Without the millions and with the same nature, the same horsemanship, he would probably also have succeeded in some degree. The two together — that is a powerful combination. Too much for most people. "The top," he said. "The top, the top, the top."



Cape Verdi, pictured with Sheikh Mohammed, might have won the Oaks but is risking all for the greater prize, the Derby

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Choirboy returns to course that replays his best tunes

Walter Swinburn seeks his fourth Derby win on Greek Dance today. **Chris McGrath** looks at his career

There is something about appraising Walter Swinburn that is reminiscent of emptying old water from a vase of flowers. True, one could not say that his characteristic grace nourishes anything so stagnant; his demons have always been of the seething, gnawing variety.

However, at 36, he is confronting them anew, 12 months after they threatened to end his riding career. Today, in control of his weight and, apparently, of his life, he seeks a fourth bloom in the Vodafone Derby with a handsome colt called Greek Dance.

Swinburn's talent first blossomed on Epsom Downs at the age of 19, when the unearthly *might of Shergar* seemed to have found a suitably ethereal partner. They looked at this son of an Irish champion jockey and christened him "The Choirboy". Nor has the passage of years scuffed a print across his features.

Certainly, those intimations of greatness back in 1981 have long since been vindicated. Among the 15 top riders craving a place in Derby history today, none will offer his mount quite the same composure, the natural sense of purpose, that has gained the race twice since Shergar, with Shahrastani, in 1986, and Lammtarra, three years ago.

Yet last year, when he should have been riding the odds-on Entrepreneur, he was reduced to the role of anguished bystander. The simmering conflicts of his career — between a man of passionate, indulgent instincts and an athlete required to keep his weight strictly under control — had finally boiled over.

In modern times, it borders on the barbarous to persist with an antiquated weight range for Flat jockeys starting at 7st 10lb. Faced with such scales of injustice, drink often became Swinburn's chosen succour and, needless to say, his physique — while a full stone more than that of many colleagues — was too delicate to absorb it.

Between the restricted range of mounts available and the giddy metabolic cycles of his personal regime, Swinburn picked a path that could never lead to a championship. Some duly used the recurring reminders of his brilliance, of the consummate big-race rider, to misjudge his attitude. What merit that there was in their suspicions, however, neglected the fact that there was always a slightly desperate edge to his pleasures.



Swinburn: back to best

In retrospect, his frantic momentum was always destined to resolve itself in some sort of crisis. Yet none could have anticipated how he was to fall. Eight months after Lammtarra's success, Swinburn was almost killed when a crazed horse flung him into the rails at Sha Tin racecourse in Hong Kong.

Six months later — revealing the bedrock of courage that sustains Swinburn — he picked himself up from the canvas, riding Pilsudski to win the Breeders' Cup Turf in Toronto. Sentimental punters will note that this, his most valuable success in more ways than one, came in the same silks that he wears today. The restoration of Swinburn seemed to be complete last January, when he walked across Ireland to raise £60,000 for a children's hospital.

Yet his return to Newmarket proved this air of serene fulfilment to be illusory. He caused a pathetic fracas in one of the town's restaurants, winding up in front of the local magistrates. Then, after an anonymous start, he announced suddenly that he would take the rest of the season off, in an attempt to retrieve mastery of his own body. Despite his protests, it was not merely the cynical who, this time, counted ten and out.

Not so Steve Cauthen, the retired American, who had contrived the last of his three British championships a decade earlier, despite enduring similar battles (including bulimia). He rang Swinburn the day that he heard of his decision and invited him to spend a month with him on his farm.

With Cauthen's help, Swinburn bravely clawed his way towards an equilibrium wrought from spiritual and physical renewal, from the practical assistance of a nutritionist, the support of a steadfast family and the loyalty of Michael Stoute, trainer of Shergar, Pilsudski and Greek Dance. Not to mention a belated recognition that he is not built to drink.

After testing the water with a discreet comeback in Dubai in February, Swinburn is, arguably, riding better than ever. The strike-rate of his 26 winners this season is matched only by Darryll Holland and Kieren Fallon. Success today would give heart-warming symmetry to the rejuvenation of Shergar's teenage rider.

Where once Greek Dance might have conjured images of bacchanalian excess, perhaps the name now suggests the elegance, the artistry of a new rationalism. But do not be deceived. Swinburn is not back in control. He is in control for the first time.

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1. BORDER ARROW
Jockey: Ray Cochrane
Considered no more than "a fair each-way chance" by his trainer, Ian Balding, and it is difficult to *disagree with that assessment.* Opened season with a win but two subsequent defeats undermine his case. Cochrane won on Kahyasi ten years ago.



2. CITY HONOURS
Jockey: John Reid
Godolphin second string to Cape Verdi, but should not be too readily *written off. Promising trial when* runner-up in Dante Stakes at York on reappearance. Record, one win from four starts, suggests a lack of top-class pace, but likely to be well suited by the longer trip.



3. COURTEOUS
Jockey: Richard Quinn
Represents the owner-trainer combination successful in 1991 with Generous, who is the sire of Courteous. Gained a determined victory on his only start this term and looks sure to stay.
Chance if grounds turns soft, otherwise politely declined.



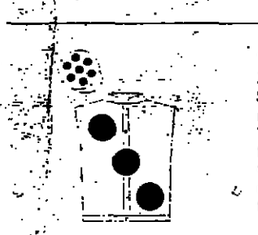
4. GREEK DANCE
Jockey: Walter Swinburn
Progressive type representing a trainer and jockey team laden with Derby expertise. Impressive in wide-margin victory at York last time and should not be troubled by longer trip. Clear chance of giving Michael Stoute a third victory, Swinburn a fourth.



5. GULLAND
Jockey: Michael Hills
Will the real Gulland please stand up? Plenty of promise in defeat by Xaar first outing this season, yet less impressive in victory over The Glow-Worm at Chester. Tricky to weigh up, but probably has a bit more to offer. Trainer Geoff Wragg and Hills have a Derby apiece to their names.



6. HAAMI
Jockey: Richard Hills
Highly regarded by John Dunlop, twice previously successful in the Derby. Good fifth to King Of Kings in the 2,000 Guineas, but not certain to be suited by this extra half-mile. Stamina doubts would be compounded if going is on the soft side.



7. HIGH-RISE
Jockey: Olivier Peslier
Showed the right attitude when narrowly winning the Lingfield Derby Trial last month, a route followed by trainer Luca Cumani with his 1988 winner, Kahyasi. Has the assistance of the outstanding Peslier, but will that Lingfield form be good enough?



8. KING OF KINGS
Jockey: Pat Eddery
Created a tremendous impression when winning the 2,000 Guineas, producing a decisive burst of acceleration. No reservations about ability, but temperament has been questioned and stamina must be in doubt. Eddery seeks fourth Derby.

RUNNERS AND RIDERS

3.45 VODAFONE DERBY STAKES — C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O: £580,130: 1m 4f 10yd) (15 runners)

1 (11) 1-133 **BORDER ARROW 24 (BF,S)** (R Michaelson & W Said) I Balding 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 129
(ch c Selkirk - Nibbs Point)

2 (1) 413-2 **CITY HONOURS 24 (F)** (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0 ..... J Reid 120
(b c Darshaan - Ikebana)

3 (13) 41-1 **COURTEOUS 42 (G,S)** (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 ..... T Quinn 95
(b c Generous - Dayanata)

4 (3) 2-11 **GREEK DANCE 23 (G,S)** (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn 125
(b c Sadler's Wells - Hellenic)

5 (9) 421-21 **GULLAND 32 (D,G,S)** (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0 ..... M Hills 125
(b c Unfuwain - Spin)

6 (6) 1131-5 **HAAMI 35 (F,G)** (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... R Hills 127
(b c Nashwan - Oumaldaaya)

7 (14) 1-11 **HIGH-RISE 28 (G,S)** (Sheikh M al-Maktoum) L Cumani 9-0 ..... O Peslier 124
(b c High Estate - High Tem)

8 (12) 11211-1 **KING OF KINGS 35 (G,S)** (Mrs J Magnier & M Tabor) A P O'Brien (Ire) 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 133
(b c Sadler's Wells - Zummeruddi)

9 (15) 113-2 **MUTAMAM 18 (BF,G,S)** (H al-Maktoum) A Stewart ..... M Roberts 123
(b c Darshaan - Petal Girl)

10 (7) 1-12 **SADIAN 28 (S)** (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 9-0 ..... K Fallon 124
(b c Shirley Heights - Ratha)

11 (4) 1311-14 **SARATOGA SPRINGS 8 (V,BF,G,S)** (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) A P O'Brien (Ire) 9-0 ..... W Ryan 125
(ch c El Gran Senor - Population)

12 (10) 111-3 ***SECOND EMPIRE 14 (BF,G,S)*** *(M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) A P O'Brien (Ire) 9-0* ..... *M J Kinane 132*
(b c Fairy King - Welsh Love)

13 (2) 22-222 **SUNSHINE STREET 27** (P Garvey) N Meade (Ire) 9-0 ..... J Murtagh 89
(b c Sunshine Forever - Meadow Spirit)

14 (8) 3631-12 **THE GLOW-WORM 32 (CD,S)** (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 9-0 ..... D Holland 106
(b c Doyoun - Shakenda)

15 (5) 1214-1 **CAPE VERDI 34 (F,G)** (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0 ..... L Dettori 141
(b f Caerleon - Minnie Hauk)

1997: HENRY THE DIC 4-0 W Ryan (... 3 ran)

BOOKMAKERS' VIEW

	Ladbrokes	Stanleybets	William Hill	Tote
GREEK DANCE	7-1	7-2	7-2	100-30
SECOND EMPIRE	4-1	7-2	4-1	4-1
CAPE VERDI	7-2	4-1	7-2	7-2
CITY HONOURS	8-1	8-1	10-1	10-1
KING OF KINGS	10-1	10-1	9-1	10-1
GULLAND	10-1	8-1	9-1	11-1
COURTEOUS	14-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
HIGH-RISE	20-1	20-1	14-1	20-1
THE GLOW-WORM	22-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
HAAMI	25-1	20-1	22-1	22-1
BORDER ARROW	25-1	25-1	20-1	28-1
SARATOGA SPRINGS	25-1	16-1	25-1	25-1
SADIAN	25-1	25-1	25-1	28-1
MUTAMAM	50-1	50-1	50-1	50-1
SUNSHINE STREET	250-1	300-1	250-1	250-1

THE VERDICT

AN OPEN race, as the betting suggests. Second Empire will get a more vigorous ride than in the Irish 2,000 Guineas although, in common with the Newmarket Guineas winners, Cape Verdi and King Of Kings, is taking a significant step up in trip. None is sure to last out the extra distance.

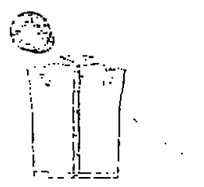
Greek Dance does not have the same level of form, but offers great potential. His win in the informative Glasgow Stakes at York could hardly have been more impressive and his pedigree and style of running encourage belief that the mile and a half will be right up his street. He represents a team which knows exactly what is required to win the Derby.

Each-way possibilities abound. Gulland is probably better than his narrow Chester defeat of The Glow-Worm; Courteous and City Honours look certain to relish the trip, although the suspicion remains that they lack the pace required to win, as may Sadian and High-Rise. Conversely, Border Arrow and Haami could be undermined by stamina limitations. In an intriguing contest, **GREEK DANCE** can prevail from **City Honours** and **Second Empire.**

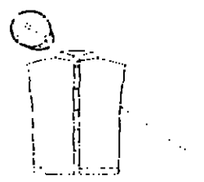
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9. MUTAMAM
Jockey: Michael Roberts
Trainer Alec Stewart has taken his time over deciding to run Mutamam, whom he considers has "a good each-way chance". Suffered a bruised heel before being beaten on his return, but, even allowing for that, will have to improve to overcome the principals.



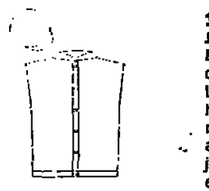
10. SADIAN
Jockey: Kieren Fallon
Beaten a neck by High-Rise in Lingfield Derby Trial and seems to *lack top-class pace. However, has* assistance of champion jockey and few will be finishing as well. Trainer Henry Cecil looks for his fourth Epsom Derby. Each-way claims at decent odds.



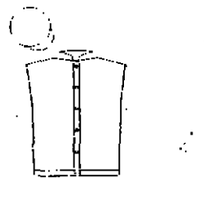
11. SARATOGA SPRINGS
Jockey: Willie Ryan
Makes a swift reappearance after finishing fourth in French Derby at Chantilly last Sunday. Apparently had classic limitations exposed then, although this notoriously lazy type may be enlivened by the application of a visor. Ryan won last year on Benny The Dip.



12. SECOND EMPIRE
Jockey: Michael Kinane
The Empire strikes back? Backers were left licking their wounds after his defeat in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, but he still has plenty to offer despite a question mark against his ability to excel at this trip. Kinane, big-race jockey per excellence, takes over.



13. SUNSHINE STREET
Jockey: John Murtagh
Luckless Irish challenger, runner-up on all five starts including Leopardstown Derby Trial. Could hardly have picked a more difficult race to break his duck and place among long shots is thoroughly *justified. Street cred unlikely to be* enhanced.



14. THE GLOW-WORM
Jockey: Darryll Holland
Finished strongly when forcing Gulland to pull out all the stops in Chester Vase but overall form suggests he is not up to the highest class. Trainer Barry Hills has saddled *the runner-up on four occasions but* this Worm is unlikely to turn his luck.



15. CAPE VERDI
Jockey: Frankie Dettori
Attempts to become the first filly to triumph in the Derby since Fifinella in 1916. Most impressive winner of 1,000 Guineas and pedigree suggests that *stamina will not be a* problem. Needs the rain to stay away, though, if she is to spice up a miserable week for Girl Power.

GUIDE TO THE RACECARD

3 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F fell. P pulled up. U unseated rider. B brought down. S slipped up. R refused. D disqualified). Horses name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B blinkers. V visor. H hood. E Eyeshield. C course winner. D distance winner. CD course and distance winner. BF beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F firm, good to firm, hard. G good. S soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

FORM, TACTICS AND GUIDE TO THE EPSOM COURSE

BORDER ARROW
May 13: 1¼l 3rd of 6 to Saratoga Springs *(levels) in 3yo group 2 stakes at York (1m* 2f 85yd, good); previously 2l 3rd of 18 to King Of Kings (levels) in group 1 stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to soft) with Haami (levels) 2¾l 5th; previously beat Alboostan neck in 6-runner 3yo stakes (listed) at Newmarket (1m 1f, soft).

CITY HONOURS
May 13: ½l 2nd of 6 to Saratoga Springs (levels) in 3yo *group 2 stakes at York (1m* 2f 85yd, good) with Border Arrow (levels) 1¼l 3rd; previously ¾l 3rd of 8 to Teapot *Row in 2yo group 2 stakes at Ascot (1m,* good to firm); previously beat Prolix short head in 8-runner 2yo maiden stakes at Doncaster (1m, good to firm).

COURTEOUS
Apr 25: beat Eco Friendly 6l in 4-runner 3yo group 3 stakes at Sandown (1m 2f 7yd, soft); previously beat Majestic Hills ¾l in 13-runner 2yo maiden stakes at Salisbury (1m, good); previously 2½l 4th of 10 to Monsajem in 2yo maiden stakes at Chepstow (1m 14yd, good to soft).

GREEK DANCE
May 14: beat Capri 6l in 5-runner 3yo stakes *at York (1m 2f 85yd, good); previously beat* Hawadeth 2l in 18-runner 3yo maiden stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft); previously 6l 2nd of 11 to Tamarisk in 2yo stakes at Kempton (7f, good).

GULLAND
May 5: beat The Glow-Worm (levels) short head in 5-runner 3yo group 3 stakes at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good); previously neck 2nd of 6 to Xaar in 3yo group 3 stakes at Newmarket (1m, soft); previously beat Rambling Rose 2½l in 8-runner 2yo stakes (listed race) at Pontefract (1m 4yd, good to soft).

HAAMI
May 2: 2¾l 5th of 18 to King Of Kings (levels) in group 1 stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to soft); previously beat Bintang 1½l in 8-runner 2yo stakes (listed) at Newmarket (7f, good to firm); previously 2½l 3rd of 5 to Little Indian in 2yo group 3 stakes at Sandown (7f 16yd, good to soft); previously beat Tracking nk in 2yo stakes at Doncaster (7f, good).

HIGH-RISE
May 9: beat Sadian (levels) neck in 6-runner *3yo group 3 stakes at Lingfield (1m 3f* 106yd, good); previously beat Generous Libra 3½l in 8-runner stakes at Pontefract (1m 2f 6yd, good to soft); previously beat Volontiers short head in 18-runner 2yo maiden stakes at Doncaster (7f, good).

KING OF KINGS
May 2: beat Lend A Hand 1¾l in 18-runner group 1 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to soft) with Border Arrow (levels) 2l 3rd and Haami (levels) 2¾l 5th; previously beat Celtic Cavalier ¾l in 9-runner 2yo group 1 stakes at Curragh (1m, good to soft); previously beat Sharp Play 1½l in 5-runner 2yo stakes (listed) at Curragh (7f, good to soft).

MUTAMAM
May 19: ½l 2nd of 6 to Rabah in stakes *(listed) at Goodwood (1m 1f 192yd, good to* firm); previously 1l 3rd of 8 to Saratoga Springs (levels) in 2yo group 1 stakes at Doncaster (1m, good); previously beat Golden Dice 1¾l in 4-runner 2yo stakes at Chester (7f 122yd, good).

SADIAN
May 9: neck 2nd of 6 to High-Rise (levels) *in 3yo group 3 stakes at Lingfield (1m 3f* 106yd, good); previously beat Hadayik 3½l in 4-runner 3yo stakes at Bath (1m 2f 46yd, soft); previously beat Zydeco neck in 11-runner 2yo maiden stakes at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to soft).

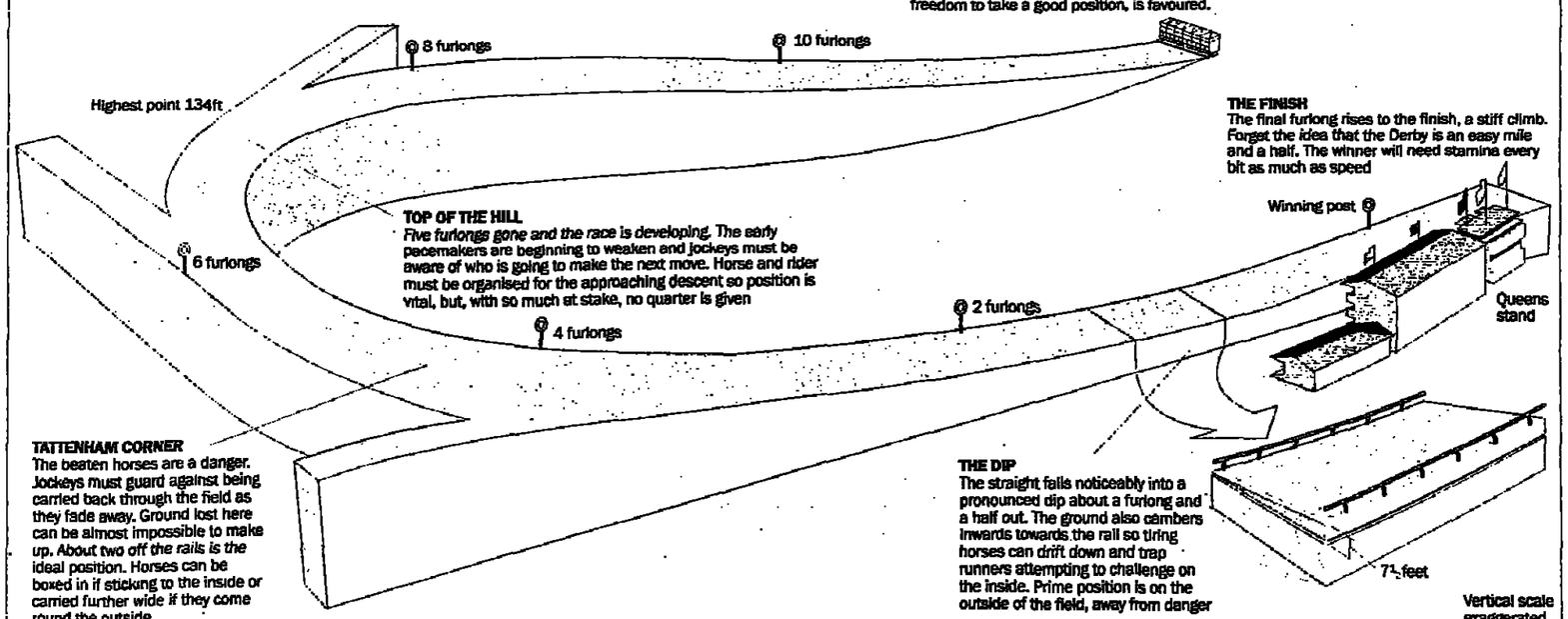
SARATOGA SPRINGS
May 31: 4¾l 4th of 13 to Dream Well in 3yo *group 1 Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly (1m* 4f, good); previously beat City Honours (levels) ½l in 6-runner 3yo group 2 stakes at York (1m 2f 85yd, good) with Border Arrow (levels) 1¼l 3rd; previously beat Mudeer short head in 8-runner 2yo group 1 stakes at Doncaster (1m, good) with Mutamam (levels) 1l 3rd.

SECOND EMPIRE
May 23: 4l 3rd of 7 to Desert Prince in 3yo *group 1 stakes at Curragh (1m, good to firm);* previously beat Charge d'Affaires 1½l in 5-runner 2yo group 1 stakes at Longchamp (1m, soft); previously beat Muhtathir 2½l in 10-runner 2yo group 3 stakes at Longchamp (1m, soft).

SUNSHINE STREET
May 10: 1½l 2nd of 9 to Risk Material in *group 3 stakes at Leopardstown (1m 2f,* good); previously short head 2nd of 12 to Beldarian in 3yo maiden stakes at Leopardstown (1m 2f, soft); previously neck 2nd of 12 to Dragon Triumph in 3yo maiden stakes at Curragh (1m 2f, heavy).

THE GLOW-WORM
May 5: short head 2nd of 5 to Gulland (levels) in 3yo group 3 stakes at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good); previously beat Achilles 1½l in 5-runner 3yo stakes at Epsom (1m 4f 10yd, soft); previously beat Noble Demand neck in 28-runner 2yo handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to soft).

CAPE VERDI
May 3: beat Shahtoush 5l in 16-runner group 1 stakes at Newmarket (1m, good); previously 5l 4th of 8 to Embassy in 2yo *fillies group 1 stakes at Newmarket (6f,* good); previously beat Embassy short head in 9-runner 2yo fillies group 2 stakes at York (6f, good); previously 1½l 2nd to Central Park in 2yo stakes (listed) at Royal Ascot (7f, good).



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RACING

Title reaches climax

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

THEY thought about stopping last week, and thus sharing the national riders' title, but Andrew Dalton, Tim Mitchell and Julian Pritchard will be in action this afternoon, the final one of the season, in an attempt to resolve the men's championship.

There could still be a three-way tie, and many hope there will be since each rider has put a huge effort into this campaign. This in a sport which pays no bills, so perhaps it is the lack of fiscal reward which makes winning championships so special to point-to-point riders.

Mitchell heads for today's traditional closing meeting, the **Torrington Farmers** in Devon, while his rivals are at the **Quorn** fixture in Leicestershire. All three riders would have been in the West Country had Garthorpe not been under water in April — it joined a list of 44 meetings (about a fifth) affected by the weather this year and today's date was the only alternative.

Mitchell holds perhaps the strongest hand with Still In Business or Major Sharpe at his disposal in the open for Richard Barber's stable, Just Ben for Keith Cumings in the confined and Blustery Day for John Dufosee in the restricted, plus a ride in the maiden.

Pritchard has only one obvious chance at the Midlands meeting, but he should land the men's open on Mounthenry Star. Dalton will be in opposition in this race on Viridian and he also partners stable companion Fort Gale in the intermediate and Everso Irish in the restricted.

"All week I've been thinking I won't win this title, and I don't feel any different now," a pessimistic Dalton said from his Shropshire home yesterday. "I suspect I'll be a bit gutted by 5.30 tomorrow, but it's been a great season, whatever happens." He could have been speaking for all three riders — they deserve a cheer, no matter where they finish.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Quorn at Garthorpe, 6m E of Melton Mowbray (first race 2.15). Torrington Farmers, Umberleigh, 5m S of Barnstaple (2.00)

Real Quiet poised to land Triple Crown

REAL QUIET attempts to *become the first horse in 20 years to complete the American Triple Crown* by lifting the 12-furlong Belmont Stakes in New York tonight.

The colt faces 12 rivals and was described as "98 per cent certain" to win by his jockey, Kent Desormeaux. He is forecasted as the 6-5 favourite, ahead of 7-2 chance Victory Gallop, who finished runner-up to him in both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes.

Real Quiet is aiming to go one place better than his trainer Bob Baffert's Silver Charm, who finished second in the Belmont after winning the first two legs of the Triple Crown.

Michael Tabor and Sue Magnier have three hopes in *the Derby at Epsom*, *King of* Kings, Second Empire and Saratoga Springs, and their colours at Belmont Park will be carried by the Illinois Derby winner, Yarrow Brae, who attempts to give D Wayne Lukas a fourth win in the race in five years after Tabasco Cat (1994), Thunder Gulch (1995) and Editor's Note (1996).

Lukas said: "Real Quiet is the one to beat, but he's no certainty because this is an elusive crown. It was imperative that Yarrow Brae won the Illinois Derby, but he has showed us that he might be ready for the next level."

The trainer added: "The Belmont catches this type of horse that is improving."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Epsom

Going: good

2.10 (6f) 1, LADY ANGHARAD (M J Kinane, 11-1); 2, Atlantic Destiny (D Holland, 3-1); 3, Strike A Blow (T Quinn, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Red Delirium, 7 Queensland Star (4th), 25 Chomper (5th), Sylva Legend (6th). 7 ran. NR: Kalidasa. 2½l, 2l, ½l, nk, 3l. A Jarvis at Didcot. Tote: £17.20; £4.60, £1.90. DF: £26.90. CSF: £33.87.

2.45 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, SILVER PATRIARCH (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, Swain (L Dettori, evens fav); 3, Ebadiyla (J Murtagh, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-1 Luso (5th), 11 Posidonas (6th), 20 For Valour (4th), Nicole Pharly. 7 ran. 1¼l, nk, 5l, 2l, 1¼l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.85. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.20 (7f) 1, APACHE RED (K Fallon, 7-2 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Bodfari Pride (R Mullen, 12-1); 3, Shalad'Or (T Sprake, 12-1); 4, Gift Of Gold (A Mackay, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Double Brandy, Prospectress, Young Josh, 10 Risque Lady (5th), 16 Ei Ei (6th), Stone Of Destiny, 20 Al Mabrook, 25 Caversfield, Gurkha, Only For Gold, Toblersong, 33 Jazz Club, Sunley Seeker. 17 ran. Hd, ¾l, nk, nk, 2l. D Elsworth at Whitcombe. Tote: £3.80; £1.30, £4.70, £3.20, £2.40. DF: £53.20. Trio: £322.20. CSF: £39.32. Tricast: £442.78. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

4.00 see page 39

4.40 (1m 114yd) 1, PHILISTAR (K Fallon, 7-1); 2, Secret Spring (T Quinn, 12-1); 3, Gee Bee Dream (J Reid, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Star Talent, 9 Song Of Skye, 10 Concer Un, 12 Chief Monarch (4th), Future Prospect, 14 Golden Reprimand, Pride Of Pendle (5th), 20 Tertium, Tonight's Prize, 25 Junikay, 50 Bold Hunter (6th). 14 ran. NR: Sweet Wilhelmina. ½l, sh hd, ½l, 2l, ½l. K Burke at Wantage. Tote: £6.70; £2.30, £4.00, £2.30. DF: £27.10. Trio: £93.80. CSF: £77.42. Tricast: £615.40.

5.10 (1m 114yd) 1, LILLI CLAIRE (T Sprake, 25-1); 2, Jinsiyah (R Hills, 10-1); 3, Anna (D Harrison, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Woodland Melody, 3 Enchant (6th), 5 Much Commended, 7 Another Fantasy (5th), 9 Brave Kris (4th). 8 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l, hd, 1¼l, ½l. D Elsworth at Whitcombe. Tote: £28.80; £3.50, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £261.70. CSF: £226.52.

5.45 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, DOWER HOUSE (W Ryan, 14-1); 2, Mansa Musa (A Mackay, 20-1); 3, Moratorium (K Fallon, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Beneventus, 5 Aspirant Dancer, 13-2 Polska Modelle (5th), 8 Air Attache, King Darius, Lift The Offer, 16 Spring Fever (4th), 20 Angstrom (6th). 11 ran. Hd, hd, hd, 8l, ½l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £15.70; £3.80, £3.90, £1.90. DF: £222.60. Trio: £1,210.50. CSF: £244.14. Tricast: £1,450.08.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £13,400.58 carried forward to Epsom today).

Placepot: £523.00.

Quadpot: £168.00.

Catterick

Going: good to soft (good in places)

2.35 (5f) 1, INYA LAKE (J Carroll, 5-2); 2, Cartmel Park (K Darley, 8-11 fav); 3, Snap Cracker (F Norton, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 11-1 Bold Shadow (4th), 25 Sea Minstrel (5th). 5 ran. 1¼l, 6l, 4l, 9l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.50; £1.20, £1.30. DF: £1.20. CSF: £4.30.

3.05 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, GOOD HAND (J Fortune, 11-8 fav); 2, Brodessa (Iona Wands, 6-4); 3, Pharly Dancer (R Lappin, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Aquavita, 16 Finestatetobein (5th), Scorched Air (4th), 25 Silverdale Count, Speculative (6th), Tancred Mischief, 40 Bo Dancer. 10 ran. 1¼l, 10l, 5l, 4l, 8l. S Kettlewell at Middleham. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £1.30. Trio: £4.10. CSF: £3.62.

3.40 (5f 212yd) 1, PIGEON (T Williams, 2-1 fav); 2, Bee Health Boy (G Parkin, 11-2); 3, Stylish Ways (K Darley, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Maladerie (6th), 9 Barrelbio, 20 French Pride (4th), Hi Mujtahid, 25 Blazing Imp, Give An Inch, Gwespyr (5th), Thwaab. 11 ran. Nk, 1l, sh hd, 1¼l, 2l. D Barker at Richmond. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £3.00, £2.50. DF: £8.80. Trio: £10.60. CSF: £11.44. Tricast: £53.89.

4.15 (1m 3f 214yd) 1, HOUSE OF DREAMS (K Darley, 3-1 fav); 2, Summerhill Special (T Williams, 11-2); 3, Hiding Place (J Bramhill, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Slasher Jack (5th), 7 Perpetual Light, Sing And Dance (4th), 8 Impetus (6th), 12 Double Echo, Lindrick Lady, River Captain. 10 ran. NR: Quezon City. ½l, hd, 4l, 3½l, 5l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £3.80; £1.40, £2.40, £6.60. DF: £22.10. Trio: £58.10. CSF: £20.42. Tricast: £170.66.

4.50 (5f) 1, PENNILESS (Kim Tinkler, 20-1); 2, Dawn Patrol (J Bramhill, 20-1); 3, Noble Patriot (T Williams, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Princess Natalie, 5 Barren Lands (4th), 6 Ellenbrook, 9 Penny Whistle (6th), 16 Plus A Song (5th), 40 Pabella Bluebird. 9 ran. ¾l, nk, nk, ½l, 1l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £19.00; £2.20, £3.80, £4.70. DF: £194.10. CSF: £330.29. Tricast: £7,189.28. Trio: £181.70 (part won. Pool of £115.21 carried forward to Epsom 3.45 today).

5.25 (7f) 1, FRISKY LADY (S Finnamore, 4-1); 2, One To Go (Mette Hanssen, 5-1); 3, Kings Check (Carolyn Bales, 11-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Critical Air (4th), 9-1 The Imposter (6th), 40 Nukud (5th). 6 ran. 1½l, 1l, ½l, 3l, 17l. T Easterby at Malton. Tote: £4.80; £2.10, £1.40. DF: £6.00. CSF: £19.65.

Placepot: £553.70.

Quadpot: £460.20.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.20 (1m) 1, Hunt Hill (G Duffield, 11-10 fav); 2, Miss All Alone (8-1); 3, Bank On Him (9-1). 15 ran. NR: Zuryal. ½l, 2½l. M Prescott. Tote: £1.70; £1.00, £2.90, £4.50. DF: £19.30. Trio: £27.20. CSF: £10.49. Tricast: £62.93.

2.55 (2m) 1, Manileno (Martin Dwyer, 5-1); 2, Mister Aspecto (5-2); 3, Nikita's Star (20-1). Jaraab 9-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Kippanour. ½l, 5l. M Pipe. Tote: £6.10; £3.00, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £9.30. Trio: £84.00. CSF: £15.75.

3.25 (1m) 1, Holy Smoke (R Winston, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Misconduct (10-1); 3, By Jay (10-1). Dancing Em (4th) 9-2 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Rock River. 1½l, 3l. J Eyre. Tote: £4.00; £1.20, £1.40, £13.40. DF: £17.70. CSF: £43.78. Tricast: £408.88. Trio: £81.40 (part won. Pool of £69.94 carried forward to Epsom 3.45 today).

3.55 (7f) 1, Mr Paradise (R Studholme, 8-1); 2, Sparkling Harry (25-1); 3, Kailey Goddess (8-1). The Munro's 5-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Bailieborough Boy, Rock Island Line, Young Mazaad. 2l, sh hd. R Cowell. Tote: £10.80; £2.50, £11.50, £2.60. DF: £525.60. CSF: £189.57. Tricast: £1,581.62. Trio: £153.80 (part won. Pool of £175.54 carried forward to Epsom 3.45 today).

4.25 (6f) 1, Lady Peppiatt (P P Murphy, 7-2); 2, Super Strides (4-1); 3, The Donk (6-1). Habibi 7-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, ¾l. J Moore. Tote: £3.60; £2.50, £3.40. DF: £12.70. CSF: £16.75. Bought in 3,000gns.

5.00 (5f) 1, Soaked (A Culhane, 7-4 fav); 2, Ajaz (16-1); 3, Rude Awakening (10-1); 4, General Equation (16-1). 16 ran. NR: Mukarrab. 3l, 1½l. D Chapman. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £4.70, £2.60, £4.60. DF: £12.90. Trio: £15.60. CSF: £30.37. Tricast: £213.96.

Placepot: £301.40.

Quadpot: £95.30.

Easterby sells Ascot hope to Dubai

THE impressive Whitsun Cup winner, For Your Eyes Only, trained by Tim Easterby, has been sold to race abroad, the trainer's father, Peter, confirmed at Catterick yesterday. "They aren't sold until you've been paid and we got the weighed-in today," he said.

"He'll run in the Royal Hunt Cup and then he'll go to Dubai. He has been bought by a relative of Sheikh Mohammed's, who is only 17 years old."

For Your Eyes Only has been raised 8lb for his Sandown victory under Jason Weaver and Easterby snr is hoping the jockey will be available for Royal Ascot. "I've booked Jason again, but we'll have to wait and see if he's available," he added.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Haydock Park

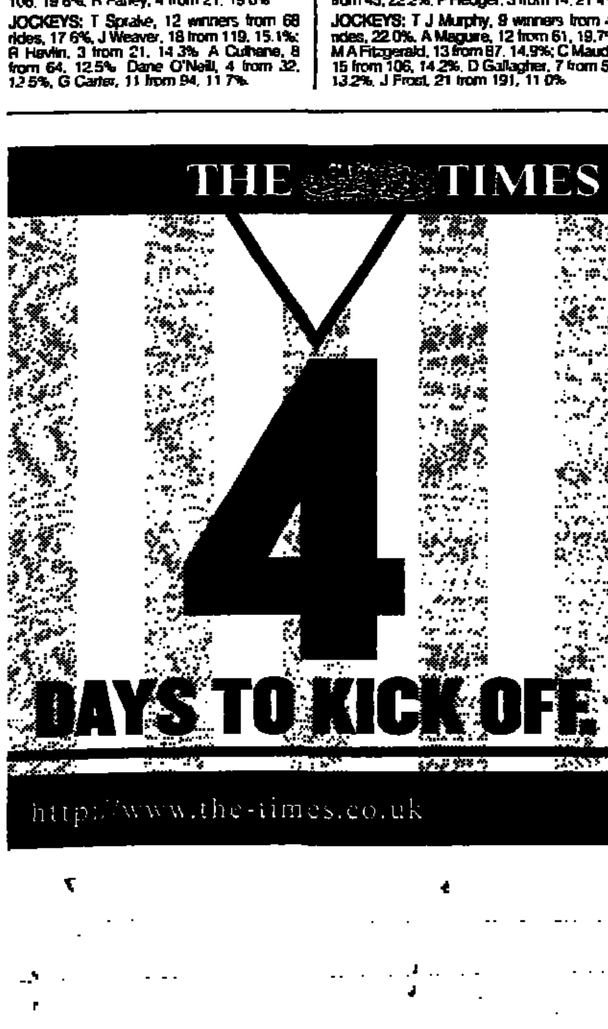
TRAINERS: H Cecil, 18 winners from 48 runners, 37.5%; P Chapple-Hyam, 12 from 45, 26.7%; S Woods, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Ryan, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Gosden, 21 from 106, 19.8%; R Fahey, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: T Sprake, 12 winners from 68 rides, 17.6%; J Weaver, 18 from 119, 15.1%; R Havlin, 3 from 21, 14.3%; A Culhane, 8 from 64, 12.5%; Dane O'Neill, 4 from 32, 12.5%; G Carter, 11 from 94, 11.7%.

Newton Abbot

TRAINERS: P Eccles, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; N Henderson, 4 from 9, 44.4%; P Hobbs, 52 from 167, 31.1%; M Pipe, 96 from 332, 28.9%; A Newcombe, 10 from 45, 22.2%; P Hedger, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: T J Murphy, 9 winners from 41 rides, 22.0%; A Maguire, 12 from 61, 19.7%; M A Fitzgerald, 13 from 87, 14.9%; C Maude, 15 from 106, 14.2%; D Gallagher, 7 from 53, 13.2%; J Frost, 21 from 191, 11.0%.



HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 Bawsian. 2.45 Glanwydden. 3.15 Magic Mill. 4.10 Jo Mell. 4.40 Hawadeth. 5.15 Forgie.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 DOUGLAS RATED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,961: 1m 2f 120yd) (6 runners)

1 (1) 1141 BAWSIAN 25 (G,S) J Eyre 9-3 ... J Weaver 106
2 (5) 23-4 ABUHAIL 21 (F) P Walwyn 8-10 ... B Hind 97
3 (3) -105 PELAGOS 7 (B) R Charlton 8-8 ... T Sprake 101
4 (4) 032 PERADVENTURE 16 R Hannon 8-4 ... Dane O'Neill 112
5 (2) 10-1 MISTER BENJAMIN 56 (S) S Woods 8-1 ... N Day 104
6 (6) 41- STAGE WHISPER 175 Lord Huntingdon 8-0 ... J F Egan 101

2-1 Bawsian, 4-1 Peradventure, Mister Benjamin, 5-1 Stage Whisper, 7-1 Abuhail, 8-1 Pelagos.

2.45 E B F LEYLAND MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,534: 5f) (11)

1 (3) CLAUDIUS R Fahey 9-0 ... G Duffield –
2 (10) GLANWYDDEN J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter –
3 (1) HIGH ESTEEM M A Buckley 9-0 ... A Culhane –
4 (6) 2 SARSON 3 R Hannon 9-0 ... Dane O'Neill 88
5 (7) TRINITY M Brittain 9-0 ... P Robinson –
6 (2) 3 BOLLIN ROBERTA 11 T Easterby 8-9 ... L Charnock 79
7 (11) HEATHYARDS TIPPLE D McCain 8-9 ... W J O'Connor –
8 (4) LUANSHYA R Whitaker 8-9 ... B Hind –
9 (9) POLLY MILLS P Evans 8-9 ... J F Egan –
10 (8) SHINING DESERT M Johnston 8-9 ... J Weaver –
11 (5) 00 TIME IN MOTION 15 Mrs G Rees 8-9 ... A McGlone 69

2-1 Sarson, 4-1 Glanwydden, 9-2 Shining Desert, 5-1 Bollin Roberta, 10-1 Claudius, 16-1 High Esteem, Polly Mills, 20-1 others.

3.15 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(£7,230: 1m 30yd) (15)

1 (5) 0202 GULF SHAADI 24 (D,F,G) E Alston 6-10-0 ... S Drowne 111
2 (7) 100- HI NOD 241 (F,G,S) Miss J A Camacho 8-9-11 ... L Charnock 97
3 (3) /25- TARSKI 275 (F) L Cottrell 4-9-7 ... J F Egan 80
4 (2) 36/5 SILVER PREY 15 (F) M Bolton 5-9-6 ... G Carter 73
5 (10) 1132 NIGHT OF GLASS 14 (B,D,F,G,S) J Eyre 5-9-5 ... J Weaver 108
6 (13) 2-06 KALA SUNRISE 18 (D,F,G) C Smith 5-9-2 ... G Duffield 112
7 (1) 40-0 RAPIER 70 (D,F) M Hammond 4-8-13 ... Dane O'Neill 97
8 (14) 30-0 GREEN POWER 35 (D,S) N Littmoden 4-8-12 ... T Williams 104
9 (15) 1445 MAGIC MILL 9 (F,S) J Eyre 5-8-10 ... S Buckley (7) 119
10 (8) 0525 TAFFS WELL 35 Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-6 ... R Lappin 108
11 (4) 0031 REDOUBTABLE 9 (F,G) D Chapman 7-8-4 ... A Culhane 115
12 (11) 000- HURTLEBERRY 217 (D,F,S) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-3 ... Aimee Cook (5) 97
13 (9) 0000 ARTFUL DANE 15 (V,D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 6-7-12 ... N Carlisle 116
14 (12) 0004 BAND ON THE RUN 15 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 11-7-10 ... J Bramhill 111
15 (6) 0514 BOLLIN FRANK 10 (BF,CD,F,S) T Easterby 6-7-10 ... N Kennedy 114

5-1 Night Of Glass, 6-1 Gulf Shaadi, 7-1 Magic Mill, Taffs Well, 8-1 Green Power, Redoubtable, Bollin Frank, 12-1 others.

4.10 JOHN OF GAUNT STAKES
(Listed race: £12,640: 7f 30yd) (7)

1 (5) 465- COOL EDGE 141J (CD,F,G,S) M Tompkins 7-9-5 ... P Robinson 104
2 (4) -640 CAYMAN KAI 7 (D,F,S) R Hannon 5-8-12 ... Dane O'Neill 114
3 (1) 6010 FIRE DOME 34 (BF,G,S) D Nicholls 6-8-12 ... Alex Greaves 104
4 (6) -040 JO MELL 24 (CD,F,G,S) T Easterby 5-8-12 ... L Charnock 125
5 (2) -530 NIGRASINE 24 (C,F,G) J Eyre 4-8-12 ... J Weaver 118
6 (7) D22- SWISS LAW 224 (D,F) J Gosden 4-8-12 ... B Hind 111
7 (3) 00-3 VAGABOND CHANTEUSE 15 (D,G) T Etherington 4-8-7 ... A Culhane 98

3-1 Swiss Law, 7-2 Jo Mell, 4-1 Fire Dome, 5-1 Cool Edge, 7-1 Nigrasine, 8-1 Cayman Kai, 12-1 Vagabond Chanteuse.

4.40 HALSALL MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,599: 1m 30yd) (9)

1 (7) 03- ABOVE BOARD 316 J Hanson 9-0 ... E Johnson 87
2 (5) 234 HAWADETH 21 (BF) M Tregoning 9-0 ... T Sprake 109
3 (6) 2 MURGHEM 18 B Hanbury 9-0 ... J Stack 98
4 (4) 0-24 SHAPE SHIFTER 29 R Hannon 9-0 ... Dane O'Neill 103
5 (3) 44-6 THE GENE GENIE 14 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... G Carter 105
6 (8) 06- JASMINE TEA 345 S Brookshaw 8-9 ... J F Egan 84
7 (2) -536 MUSICAL TWIST 14 (B,BF) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ... R Havlin (3) 102
8 (1) SONEVA M A Buckley 8-9 ... A Culhane –
9 (9) ZAKUSKA H Cecil 8-9 ... A McGlone –

11-4 Zakuska, 7-2 Hawadeth, 9-2 Murghem, 6-1 Shape Shifter, The Gene Genie, Musical Twist, 20-1 Above Board, 33-1 others.

5.15 PENNY LANE HANDICAP
(£5,310: 2m) (7)

1 (1) -445 SWEETNESS HERSELF 47 (CD,G,S) M Ryan 5-10-0 ... P McCabe (3) 101
2 (6) 6-24 GEORGIA VENTURE 21 (D,F,G) S Woods 4-9-7 ... N Day 114
3 (5) 5/6/ JACK BUTTON 81J (CD,F,G,S) Bob Jones 9-9-2 ... Gemma Jones (7) –
4 (2) 0-10 FORGIE 31 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 5-9-0 ... G Duffield 116
5 (3) 000/ EXALTED 21J (F) W Jenks 5-8-8 ... W J O'Connor –
6 (4) 1-0T OPAQUE 24 (D,G,S) W Storey 6-8-8 ... J F Egan 107
7 (7) 445- NANTON POINT 225 (D,F,G) Lady Herries 6-7-13 ... T Sprake 112

5-2 Opaque, 3-1 Georgia Venture, 7-2 Sweetness Herself, 4-1 Forgie, 10-1 Jack Button, 12-1 Nanton Point, 33-1 Exalted.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

6.20 Afon Alwen. 6.50 Castle Arrow. 7.20 The Flying Doctor. 7.50 Miss Ondee. 8.20 Toomuch Toosoon. 8.50 Runaway Pete.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

6.20 EVENING NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,435: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1 231- TIME FOR ACTION 21 (D,G) C Mann 6-11-4 ... J Magee (3)
2 21F- AFON ALWEN 17 (BF,G) P Hobbs 5-10-13 ... A Maguire
3 401- ANNOUNCING 12 (B,F) G L Moore 4-10-13 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 AGENT 320F S Cole 5-10-12 ... G Supple (5)
5 BE SATISFIED 469F C Popham 5-10-12 ... A Bates (3)
6 0/ SEVENTEENS LUCKY 560 M Pipe 6-10-12 ... J Culloty
7 0F5- WINNING TOWN 24 P Farrell 5-10-12 ... Guy Lewis (3)
8 205- FLUTTERBY LADY 28 A Barrow 5-10-7 ... L Cummins (5)
9 FROSTY JO R Frost 4-10-2 ... J Frost

2-1 Afon Alwen, 3-1 Time For Action, 7-2 Announcing, Seventeens Lucky, 20-1 Flutterby Lady, Frosty Jo, 25-1 Be Satisfied, Winning Town, 33-1 Agent.

6.50 ROBERT WILKINSON MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,456: 2m 6f) (15) — SKY

1 P03- CASTLE ARROW 172 (F) C Mann 5-11-6 ... J Magee (3)
2 003- DTOTO 16 (B) R Baker 6-11-6 ... G Shenkin (5)
3 P/ FURRY DAY 740 P Farrell 12-11-6 ... Guy Lewis (3)
4 582- GARRISON FRIENDLY 52 N Henderson 5-11-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 BF1- REEFA'S MILL 28P (G) B Llewellyn 6-11-6 ... J Culloty
6 550- SANDS POINT 24 (B) C Popham 8-11-6 ... A Bates (3)
7 P00- SHARP EMBRACE 12 (B) M Pipe 5-11-6 ... T J Murphy
8 00/ SUGA HAWK 8F J O'Shea 6-11-6 ... J A McCarthy
9 /P5- BONNY BARDSY 17 Miss A Howard-Chappell 7-11-1 ... –
10 043/ MY OLD CHINA 794 (F) N Hawke 3-11-1 ... R Greene
11 P0P- PRIDE OF PENNKER 89 A Newcombe 5-11-1 ... L Cummins (5)
12 044- REMEMBER STAR 31 A D Smith 5-11-1 ... R Farrant
13 P44- UP THE TEMPO 65 P Farrell 9-11-1 ... D Salter (3)
14 033- KLONDIKE CHARGER 12 J Old 4-11-0 ... C Maude
15 552- FOLEYS QUEST 14F J S Moore 4-10-9 ... P Henley (3)

2-1 Garrison Friendly, 11-2 Klondike Charger, 13-2 Sharp Embrace, 7-1 others.

7.20 COME SUMMER RACING NOVICES CHASE (£3,485: 2m 5f 110yd) (12) — SKY

1 0/5- BATTLE AIR 17 G Edwards 10-11-0 ... D Salter (3)
2 U44- JIMMY'S CROSS 17 (F,G,S) G Balding 8-11-0 ... J Frost
3 645- KINLOGH GALE 12 (V,F) Mrs M Evans 10-11-0 ... L Cummins (5)
4 P65- MANDALAY 12 J Old 9-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 UU2- MOORLAND HIGHFLYER 16 (S) A Hobbs 7-11-0 ... Mr L Jefford
6 0U0- PALACE PARADE 32 (G) A Hobbs 8-11-0 ... T J Murphy
7 550- THE FLYING DOCTOR 59 (G,S) P Bowen 8-11-0 ... J Culloty
8 P36- TOPPERILLO 17 J McConnochie 9-11-0 ... S Curran
9 P3U- TOUCH SILVER 8 (S) H Manners 8-11-0 ... A Dowling (7)
10 021- KING OF SPARTA 17 (D,F) O Sherwood 5-10-13 ... J A McCarthy
11 3/P- BALMY BREEZE 17 (S) P Hedger 11-10-9 ... R Farrant
12 263- SAM ROCKETT 17 (F,G) M Pipe 5-10-7 ... C Maude

5-2 King Of Sparta, 7-2 Sam Rockett, 5-1 Jimmy's Cross, 7-1 The Flying Doctor, 10-1 Moorland Highflyer, 12-1 Mandalay, 14-1 Palace Parade, 16-1 others.

7.50 CHAMPIONS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,107: 2m 1f) (18) — SKY

1 003- BON VOYAGE 17 (B,D,G,S) P Hobbs 6-12-0 ... R Widger (7)
2 133- MISS ONDEE 22 (BF,F,S) M Pipe 4-11-13 ... A Farrant (5)
3 003- PAIR OF JACKS 6 (D,F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-9 ... A Bateman (7)
4 33U- DOCKLANDS COURIER 12 B Phillips 6-11-6 ... Miss V Roberts (7)
5 1- IMPETUOUS LADY 257 (D,F) R Frost 5-11-4 ... A Holdsworth (7)
6 516- COLWAY PRINCE 12 (F,G,S) A P Jones 10-10-9 ... J Awray (7)
7 426- SOVEREIGN 12 M Muggeridge 4-10-8 ... Miss J Doyle (7)
8 4RP- GLEN MIRAGE 88 (CD,F,G,S) M Coombe 13-10-7 ... J Young (7)
9 085- FIVE LIVE 17 S Cole 4-10-5 ... C R Weaver (7)
10 634- MISS SOUTER 236 (CD,F,S) H Howe 9-10-1 ... Miss E J Jones (7)
11 350- HAYDOWN 26 C Egerton 6-10-0 ... P Phillips (7)
12 503- LADY PENDRAGON 17 N Smith 9-10-0 ... Miss C Dyson (7)
13 F50- PLUVIUS 7 C Hemsley 6-10-0 ... Miss A Dudley (7)
14 P50- PARTY BEDLAM 32 E L James 9-10-0 ... M Walters (7)
15 P0F/ BALLYHAYS 547 N Ayliffe 9-10-0 ... P Flynn (7)
16 FP0- ORCHARD LADY 72 N Mitchell 8-10-0 ... Mrs A Davis (7)
17 006- POCONO KNIGHT 12 C Jones 8-10-0 ... Miss B Small (7)
18 50P- IRISH SEA 158 B Llewellyn 5-10-0 ... –

5-1 Bon Voyage, 6-1 Miss Ondee, Pair Of Jacks, 8-1 Colway Prince, 10-1 others.

8.20 POT BLACK (UK) LTD CHILDCRAFT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,566: 2m) (14) — SKY

1 4/3- RAMSTAR 33 (D,F,S) P Hobbs 10-11-10 ... Mr R Widger (7)
2 234- DEAR DO 15 (B,D,G,S) N Henderson 11-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 243- CASPIAN BELUGA 24 (CD,F) S Knight 10-11-9 ... G Upton
4 P/5- TOOMUCH TOOSOON 16 (CD,F,G) M Pipe 10-11-1 ... C Maude
5 520- MR BEAN 7 (B,D,F) B Llewellyn 8-10-12 ... B Powell
6 220- SHREWD JOHN 33 (D,G) Mrs D Thomas 12-10-11 ... D Gallagher
7 /1P- SYNEYOURMISSED 24 (D,S) P Eccles 9-10-9 ... A Maguire
8 221- INDIAN TEMPLE 18 (F) K Bishop 7-10-7 ... G Supple (5)
9 404- KETCHICAN 12 S Knight 6-10-0 ... D Salter (3)
10 1/4- FAR EAST 33 (D,F) B De Haan 9-10-0 ... J A McCarthy
11 P08- GABISH 12 (D,F,G) B Scriven 13-10-0 ... S Fox
12 2PP- HALHAM TARN 12 (D,S) H Manners 8-10-0 ... A Dowling (7)
13 330- NORTHERN OPTIMIST 54 (D,F,G) B Llewellyn 10-10-0 ... S Kelly (5)
14 4P0- HUGH DANIELS 26 (G) C Hemsley 10-10-0 ... Miss A Dudley (7)

4-1 Indian Temple, 5-1 Dear Do, 7-1 Ramstar, Shrewd John, 8-1 others.

8.50 HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY IVOR LANG HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,775: 2m 6f) (7) — SKY

1 03B- RUNAWAY PETE 24 (BF,C,F,G) M Pipe 8-12-0 ... C Maude
2 0/1- AUTO PILOT 31 (F,G,S) N Henderson 10-11-4 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 P01- MARINE SOCIETY 17 (CD,F,S) A Hobbs 10-10-9 ... Mr R Widger (7)
4 312- MYSTIC HILL 17 (C,F,S) R Frost 7-10-5 ... J Frost
5 513- ROSS DANCER 16 (V,F,S) J S Moore 6-10-5 ... J Magee (3)
6 033- ISIS DAWN 17 (D,G) P Hobbs 6-10-4 ... A Maguire
7 F11- WOODSTOCK WANDERER 14 (G) P Bowen 6-10-0 ... W Marston

5-2 Woodstock Wanderer, 4-1 Auto Pilot, 5-1 Runaway Pete, 6-1 others.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

7.00 Red Rabbit. 7.30 Bold Aristocrat. 8.00 Little Movie Star. 8.30 Bongo. 9.00 Lightning Blaze. 9.30 Carlasanta.

GOING: STANDARD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

7.00 SURCINGLE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,883: 7f) (7 runners)

1 4300 DRYAD 15 N Littmoden 9-0 ... P Goode (7) 6
2 4-6 FIRST CONSUL 7 M Stoute 9-0 ... F Lynch 3
3 0-0 MACH ONE 7 M Prescott 9-0 ... C Nutter 5
4 0-0 PRIMATICCIO 7 M Prescott 9-0 ... G Duffield 7
5 ALBERKINNIE J L Harris 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 2
6 0 LADY OF LORIEN 14 B McMahon 8-9 ... G Carter 1
7 52-5 RED RABBIT 34 B Hills 8-9 ... J D Smith (3) 4

6-4 Red Rabbit, 5-2 First Consul, 6-1 Dryad, 8-1 Lady Of Lorien, 10-1 Primaticcio, 12-1 Mach One, 20-1 Alberkinnie.

7.30 SADDLE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,070: 7f) (8)

1 1003 ITALIAN SYMPHONY 8 (V,CD) P Evans 4-9-11 ... A McCarthy (3) 4
2 1210 ELITE HOPE 30 (CD,G) N Tinkler 6-9-6 ... Dean McKeown 2
3 1263 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 26 R Hollinshead 7-9-1 ... F Lynch 5
4 0/03 ENDAXI SAM 30 N Littmoden 5-8-13 ... A Nicholls (7) 3
5 -102 HALMANERROR 10 (D,F,G,S) G McCourt 8-8-13 ... D Harrison 1
6 -206 BACKHANDER 3 M Waring 6-8-11 ... G Duffield 8
7 0300 OVER THE MOON 29 N Littmoden 4-8-8 ... T G McLaughlin 7
8 -350 CHIKAL 37 B Palling 3-8-5 ... T Sprake 6

9-4 Italian Symphony, 5-2 Bold Aristocrat, 7-2 Halmanerror, 6-1 Elite Hope, 12-1 Backhander, 14-1 Endaxi Sam, 20-1 Chikal, 25-1 Over The Moon.

8.00 HARTSHORNE MOTOR GROUP NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,080: 6f) (6)

1 1 BOLDLY GOES 40 (S) C Fairhurst 8-12 ... Dean McKeown 4
2 315 RED CHARGER 12 (BF,G) J Berry 8-8 ... G Carter 2
3 210 LITTLE MOVIE STAR 11 B Meehan 8-7 ... G Duffield 3
4 10 IRISH CREAM 27 (S) P Evans 8-5 ... J F Egan 1
5 2 CUSTOM HOUSE 33 P Haslam 8-4 ... L Charnock 6
6 WEET U THERE R Hollinshead 8-4 ... A McCarthy (3) 5

9-4 Boldly Goes, 3-1 Red Charger, 7-2 Little Movie Star, 5-1 Custom House, 8-1 Irish Cream, 12-1 Weet U There.

8.30 PETER REAR 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HANDICAP (£3,818: 1m 1f 79yd) (11)

1 -112 RAED 75 Mrs A Swinbank 5-10-0 ... G Duffield 1
2 0136 TALLULAH BELLE 7 (CD,F) N Littmoden 5-9-12 ... T G McLaughlin 5
3 3-10 NIGHT VIGIL 72 B Hills 3-9-8 ... J D Smith (3) 4
4 2320 DANZINO 7 (V,BF) Mrs N Macauley 3-9-7 ... P McCabe (3) 6
5 0151 BONGO 8 (CD) P Evans 4-9-6 ... J F Egan 2
6 160 MONCHANIA 70 (C) J Spearing 3-9-2 ... S Righton (7) 9
7 0011 HEATHYARDS SHEIK 37 (CD) R Hollinshead 3-8-10 ... A McCarthy (3) 7
8 6610 LAW DANCER 19 (BF,CD) T Mills 5-8-8 ... A Mackay 3
9 2-00 BAPSFORD 3 (C) M Waring 4-8-7 ... F Lynch 10
10 6401 CHEERFUL GROOM 8 (C,F) D Shaw 7-8-1 ... R Winston (5) 8
11 4520 AMBER REGENT 9 (BF,C) P Haslam 3-8-1 ... L Charnock 11

7-2 Night Vigil, 5-1 Raed, 7-1 Tallulah Belle, Cheerful Groom, 8-1 Danzino, Heathyards Sheik, 10-1 Bongo, Amber Regent, 12-1 others.

9.00 MARTINGALE FILLIES SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £1,725: 5f) (8)

1 0124 LADY CARBRON 26 (CD) J Berry 9-0 ... P Fessey (3) 4
2 505 JUST SUNDAY 18 W G M Turner 8-9 ... D McGaffin (7) 7
3 03 LADY PEPPIATT 12 (BF) J S Moore 8-9 ... P P Murphy (3) 2
4 03 LIGHTNING BLAZE 12 P S McEntee 8-9 ... A McCarthy (3) 8
5 50 RISK ONE FARTHING 18 J Berry 8-9 ... G Carter 3
6 05 SOUND'S ACE 15 (B) D Shaw 8-9 ... J Fanning 1
7 50 SPECKLED GEM 8 P Evans 8-9 ... J F Egan 5
8 TERESHKOVA'S JOY K Wingrove 8-9 ... P McCabe (3) 6

9-4 Lightning Blaze, 3-1 Lady Peppiatt, 5-1 Lady Carbron, 6-1 Sound's Ace, 7-1 Just Sunday, 10-1 Risk One Farthing, 14-1 Speckled Gem, 25-1 Tereshkova's Joy.

9.30 GIRTH HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,448: 1m 6f 166yd) (12)

1 505 GORGEOUS GUSSY 7 M Bell 9-7 ... M Fenton 8
2 6301 OPERATIC 10 (V,C,F) P Evans 9-7 ... J F Egan 2
3 00-5 FAYEZ 130 K McAuliffe 9-6 ... P Fessey (3) 1
4 000- NORSKI LAD 214 M Prescott 9-4 ... G Duffield 11
5 4384 ASINBOX 11 B Meehan 9-2 ... M Tebbutt 4
6 5200 VINCENT 3 (V) J L Harris 9-1 ... Dean McKeown 5
7 60-0 SWALLOW WARRIOR 11 T Etherington 8-12 ... J Tate 10
8 004 PIPIJI 27 Mrs G Rees 8-11 ... A Mackay 9
9 3453 RIVER FRONTIER 10 M Usher 7-12 ... J Marshall 6
10 0220 RUBY BEAR 11 W Brisbourne 7-12 ... A McCarthy (3) 3
11 5351 MUSALSE 11 (F) P Haslam 7-12 ... L Charnock 7
12 -006 CARLASANTA 14 A Newcombe 7-10 ... – 12

9-4 Norski Lad, 5-1 Musalse, 7-1 Operatic, Ruby Bear, 8-1 Asinbox, 10-1 River Frontier, 12-1 Gorgeous Gussy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 29 winners from 120 runners, 24.2%; M Bell, 17 from 74, 23.0%; T Mills, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Stoute, 3 from 15, 20.0%; P Haslam, 40 from 215, 18.6%; N Tinkler, 8 from 47, 17.0%.

JOCKEYS: C Nutter, 4 winners from 20 rides, 20.0%; J Egan, 19 from 119, 16.0%; G Duffield, 30 from 194, 15.5%; G Carter, 34 from 234, 14.5%; A McCarthy, 18 from 127, 14.2%; D Harrison, 23 from 163, 14.1%.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Lady Lauren. 2.50 Smokey From Caplaw. 3.20 Proper Blue. 4.15 Invermark. 4.45 East Winds. 5.20 Time To Tango.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) — SIS

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 VODAFONE DERBY DAY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,470: 6f) (15 runners)

1 6 MASTER TIROL 43 R Fahey 8-11 ... R Winston (5) 15
2 03 VOSBURGH 29 (B) P Calver 8-11 ... A Clark 14
3 6 EDMO HEIGHTS 14 T Easterby 8-8 ... J Carroll 13
4 GREY STRIKE J Berry 8-8 ... P Fessey (3) 1
5 GYPSY M Tompkins 8-8 ... D Biggs 5
6 NERO TIROL A Kelleway 8-8 ... Paul Eddery 10
7 0 NORTHGATE 20 M Brittain 8-6 ... K Darley 12
8 0 PERCHANCER 14 P Haslam 8-6 ... Dale Gibson 3
9 0 FERNY FACTORS 70 Ron Thompson 8-5 ... V Halliday 11
10 045 TEMPRAMENTAL 13 D Haydn Jones 8-5 ... A Mackay 2
11 0 BELLE OF HEARTS 21 M Pearl 8-0 ... D Wright 6
12 2 COURTESAN 15 Mrs J Ramsden 8-0 ... W Supple 7
13 FOREST GLADE M Brittain 8-0 ... D Mernagh (7) 8
14 33 LADY LAUREN 12 G Woodward 8-0 ... L Newton 9
15 3 SAFFRON 35 J Glover 8-0 ... R Mullen (3) 4

4-1 Courtesan, 5-1 Grey Strike, 6-1 Lady Lauren, 8-1 Gypsy, Saffron, 10-1 Master Tirol, Edmo Heights, 12-1 others.

2.50 KNOWSLEY HANDICAP (£4,403: 7f) (20)

1 5-20 SAFEY ANA 10 (BF,D,F,G) B Hanbury 7-9-11 ... D Harrison 9
2 6000 HAWA AL NASAMAAT 22 (D,F) M Brittain 6-9-8 ... M Byrne (7) 20
3 060- KNAVE'S ASH 221 (C,D,F,G) D Nicholls 7-9-8 ... A Nicholls (7) 5
4 0026 TOPTON 7 (B,G) P Howling 4-9-8 ... Paul Eddery 8
5 062- IMPULSIF 208 (D,G) Mrs A King 4-9-6 ... A Clark 11
6 -201 GYMCRAK PREMIERE 20 (V,D,F,G,S) G Holmes 10-9-5 ... K Darley 15
7 6003 SMOKEY FROM CAPLAW 15 (BF,D,F,G) J J O'Neill 4-9-1 ... W Supple 13
8 -004 COURT EXPRESS 15 (F) T Etherington 4-9-0 ... M Tebbutt 7
9 5100 SHADES OF LOVE 42 (D) V Soane 4-8-13 ... D Biggs 12
10 4505 MYBOTYE 14 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 5-8-11 ... J Carroll 3
11 5050 DENBRAE 30 (D,F,G) D Murray Smith 6-8-11 ... P Fessey (3) 4
12 -000 ADMIRALS FLAME 22 (F,S) C Wall 7-8-10 ... R Mullen (3) 10
13 2403 INCLINATION 15 M Blanshard 4-8-7 ... Dale Gibson 6
14 0620 ALLINSON'S MATE 8 (CD,F,G,S) T Barron 10-8-4 ... Kimberley Hart (5) 19
15 4-00 MARSKE MACHINE 12 (B,D,G,S) N Tinkler 3-8-4 ... J Fanning 2
16 00-0 LOOK WHO'S CALLING 14 (B) B McMahon 5-8-3 ... L Newton 14
17 3-01 NKAPEN ROCKS 7 (F) Mrs G Rees 5-8-3 ... A Mackay 16
18 -050 ORIOLE 19 (D,F,G,S) Enrico Incisa 5-8-1 ... Kim Tinkler 18
19 00-4 WINSTON 22 (G) J Bethell 5-7-12 ... R Winston (5) 17
20 06-0 THREE TENNERS 36 (B,S) D Nicholls 3-7-10 ... S Maloney 1

7-1 Smokey From Caplaw, 8-1 Winston, 10-1 Safey Ana, Topton, Gymcrak Premiere, Inclination, Nkapen Rocks, 12-1 others.

3.20 WORTHINGTON CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,952: 1m 2f 60yd) (6)

1 414- RIVER NORTH 276 (D,G,S) Lady Herries 8-9-7 ... K Darley 6
2 3-14 REDBRIDGE 30 (BF) J Gosden 4-9-3 ... J Carroll 1
3 /24- MULTICOLOURED 267 (D,G) M Stoute 5-9-0 ... F Lynch 4
4 233- PROPER BLUE 218 (D,F,G,S) T Mills 5-9-0 ... A Mackay 2
5 55 SILESIA 11 P Simpson 4-9-0 ... M Gallagher 3
6 03-3 INSEPARABLE 20 (G) Lady Herries 6-8-12 ... A Clark 5

11-10 Redbridge, 7-2 Multicoloured, 5-1 River North, 11-2 Proper Blue, 16-1 Silesia, Inseparable.

4.15 DONCASTER EXHIBITION CENTRE HANDICAP (£6,264: 1m 4f) (11)

1 112- JASEUR 225 (V,BF,G,S) J Gosden 5-10-0 ... J Carroll 11
2 51-5 FABLED LIGHT 14 (D,S) G Wragg 4-9-11 ... Paul Eddery 10
3 0-60 TYKEYVOR 25 (C,D,F,S) Lady Herries 8-9-11 ... F Lynch 3
4 1000 DIAMOND FLAME 23 P Harris 4-9-10 ... M Fenton 4
5 /U1- SHOUK 397 (S) L Cumani 4-9-6 ... O Urbina 8
6 4-66 INVERMARK 43 (F) J Fanshawe 4-9-4 ... D Harrison 2
7 04-0 BAY OF ISLANDS 33 (F) D Morris 6-9-2 ... K Darley 6
8 056/ SAMANID 12J (F) Miss L Siddall 6-9-1 ... T Siddall (7) 9
9 0-01 AL'S ALIBI 22 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 5-9-0 ... Sophie Mitchell 5
10 -000 ZOOM UP 22 (V,G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-11 ... A Clark 1
11 3050 POLAR CHAMP 26 (V,C,D,F,S) S Woods 5-8-10 ... R Mullen (3) 7

9-4 Jaseur, 5-1 Fabled Light, 6-1 Shouk, 7-1 Al's Alibi, 8-1 Tykeyvor, Invermark, 12-1 Bay Of Islands, 14-1 others.

4.45 ST JOHN AMBULANCE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,785: 5f) (10)

1 LOVE IS WELCOME M Johnston 4-9-7 ... J Fanning 6
2 032 EAST WINDS 10 P Walwyn 3-9-0 ... J Carroll 7
3 3 NICKLES 70 L Cottrell 3-9-0 ... A Clark 5
4 0-00 ATLANTA 15 G Woodward 3-8-9 ... L Newton 9
5 3305 D'MARTI 3 C Booth 3-8-9 ... K Hodgson 1
6 08 HALSE COPSE 14 J G Smyth-Osbourne 3-8-9 ... R Perham 10
7 5 JASMINE 29 R Guest 3-8-9 ... D Harrison 2
8 02-3 RICH CHOICE 12 J Bethell 3-8-9 ... Paul Eddery 8
9 22-3 RITA'S ROCK APE 27 R Brotherton 3-8-9 ... A Mackay 4
10 WYCHWOOD TIMES H Collingridge 3-8-9 ... K W Marks 3

4-1 East Winds, 9-2 Nickles, 5-1 Jasmine, 6-1 Rich Choice, 7-1 Rita's Rock Ape, 8-1 Love Is Welcome, D'Marti, 12-1 others.

5.20 TATTENHAM CORNER FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,558: 6f) (10)

1 -202 RICH IN LOVE 12 (D,F) C Cyzer 4-10-0 ... K Darley 8
2 0-00 SALLY GREEN 43 (D,S) C Wall 4-9-10 ... M Tebbutt 5
3 0000 DESERT LYNX 12 (D,S) T Watson 5-9-6 ... A Clark 6
4 0006 MOUCHE 21 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5 ... O Pears 2
5 0302 RUNS IN THE FAMILY 10 (B,D,G,S) G McCourt 6-8-11 ... D Harrison 7
6 0230 GOLD EDGE 16 (D,F) Enrico Incisa 4-8-4 ... Kim Tinkler 1
7 -500 SWEET BETTSIE 10 K Burke 4-8-3 ... M Fenton 4
8 0-06 TIME TO TANGO 16 (F) G M Moore 5-8-3 ... J Carroll 10
9 -062 DOMINELLE 16 (BF,D,F) T Easterby 6-8-1 ... R Winston (5) 9
10 1002 RIVER ENSIGN 8 (D,G,S) W Brisbourne 5-7-12 ... C Cogan (7) 3

4-1 Dominelle, 5-1 Runs In The Family, 6-1 Rich In Love, Mouche, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Wragg, 10 winners from 47 runners, 21.3%; J Gosden, 26 from 131, 19.8%; M Stoute, 16 from 83, 19.3%; S Woods, 4 from 22, 18.2%; Lady Herries, 5 from 32, 15.6%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 53, 13.2%.

JOCKEYS: A Mackay, 8 winners from 55 rides, 14.5%; K Darley, 32 from 249, 12.9%; Paul Eddery, 6 from 56, 10.7%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Doncaster: 2.20 Vosburgh. 2.50 Look Who's Calling. Epsom: 2.00 Ouarsne. Haydock Park: 4.40 Musical Twist. Newton Abbot: 6.50 Sharp Embrace. 7.20 Kinlogh Gale. 8.20 Dear Do. Wolverhampton: 9.00 Sound's Ace. Worcester: 2.25 Woolloomooloo. 3.25 Major Twist. 4.05 Ludo. 5.10 Professor Page.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

6.40 Fourdaned. 7.05 Berl's Gift. 7.35 Kilimanjaro. 8.05 Quiz Show. 8.35 Accelerating. 9.05 Shalama.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

6.40 NGK SPARK PLUGS LADIES DERBY (Handicap £5,439: 1m 4f) (30 runners) — SKY

1 /0-0 MUHTADI 14 (G) D Chapman 5-11-7 ... Ruth Clark 27
2 300- AUGUSTAN 225 (D,F,S) S Gollings 7-11-6 ... Diane Alfieri 28
3 -654 UNCLE DOUG 7 (G,S) J Eyre 7-11-6 ... Diana Jones 1
4 0045 MARDREW 5 K Wingrove 4-11-4 ... Sarah Gilbert (7) 20
5 0-00 FEEL NO FEAR 11 R Simpson 5-11-0 ... Susie Davies (7) 25
6 0505 ARZANI 12 (V,G) D Cosgrove 7-11-0 ... Eve Johnson Houghton 12
7 -454 MIMOSA 12 (F) M Pitman 5-10-10 ... Sarah Bosley 21
8 0-06 FOURDANED 37 T D McCarthy 5-10-8 ... Kate Hills (7) 7
9 10-3 SIBERIAN MYSTIC 12 (D,F) P Murphy 5-10-5 ... Leanne Breen (7) 24
10 -60- JINGOIST 15 (B) J A Harris 4-10-2 ... Rachael Flynn (5) 29
11 0-04 BEAU CYRANO 12 (G,S) D Cantillon 6-10-2 ... Heather Webster (5) 15
12 40-0 NON VINTAGE 7J (B,S) M Chapman 7-10-2 ... Pauline Robson 19
13 0330 SUN ALERT 9J (F) M Polglase 4-10-1 ... Emma Ramsden 16
14 0-00 SWEET TRENTINO 14 (C,G) M Tate 7-10-1 ... Emma Folkes (7) 5
15 2500 TOULSTON LADY 59 (B) J Wharton 6-10-0 ... Bridget Gatehouse (5) 17
16 3/00 ORINOCO VENTURE 12J B Baugh 7-9-11 ... Stella Potts (7) 13
17 30F6 MAY KING MAYHEM 14 (B,D,G) Mrs King 5-9-11 ... C Williams (5) 9
18 1140 DIGPAST 29 (G) J Bridger 8-9-9 ... Rachel Bitman (5) 26
19 000/ PRIVATE PERCIVAL 56J J R Poulton 5-9-9 ... Camilla Poulton (7) 11
20 0005 ACERBUS DULCIS 2 (F) M Chapman 7-9-8 ... Jane Moore 2
21 000/ IKIS GIRL 1064 S Gollings 7-9-8 ... Jane Marie Gollings (7) 30
22 000- SWEET CISEAUX 12J (B,F) P Bowen 5-9-7 ... Claire Bryan (5) 10
23 0000 SEA GOD 7J M Chapman 7-9-6 ... Lorna Vincent? Henderson (7) 18
24 0-00 SPIRAL FLYER 12 M Usher 5-9-4 ... Amie Usher (5) 22
25 0656 MODEST HOPE 59 (D,F) Mrs S Lamyman 11-9-4 ... S Samworth (3) 3
26 30-6 MR MORIARTY 31 (D) S Bowring 7-9-3 ... Margaret Morris (5) 8
27 -040 COMTEC'S LEGEND 9 (D,F,G) J Pearce 8-9-3 ... Lydia Pearce 6
28 06-5 MARYS PATH 12 S Gollings 4-9-3 ... Chloe Boxall (7) 23
29 0500 PARONOMASIA 87 J L Harris 6-9-3 ... Caroline Ellswoody (7) 4
30 000- MAURANGI 39J (F,G) B Murray 7-9-3 ... Julia Feilden 14

7-1 Sun Alert, 8-1 Mimosa, 10-1 Uncle Doug, Siberian Mystic, 12-1 Mardrew, Fourdaned, Digpast, 14-1 others.

7.05 WALTER EARL SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,915: 1m) (11) — SKY

1 1-45 CUTTING ANSHAKE 33 (D) M Channon 8-11 ... R Perham 6
2 -050 KINGS ARROW 21 M Bell 8-11 ... R Mullen (3) 2
3 50- LAKE WOBEGONE 324 John Berry 8-11 ... Leanne Phillips (7) 7
4 00-0 RUDE SHOCK 26 M Tompkins 8-11 ... D Biggs 5
5 3 BERL'S GIFT 37 Mrs M Reveley 8-6 ... A Culhane 3
6 -052 CHERISHED 10 (V) N Tinkler 8-6 ... Pat Eddery 4
7 64 CRY FOR FREEDOM 9 J Pearce 8-6 ... N Day 8
8 GREY BUTTONS K Burke 8-6 ... N Callan (7) 9
9 4 HIGH CATCH 32 J Banks 8-6 ... N Pollard (7) 10
10 0-50 SANTARENE 10 P Howling 8-6 ... S Drowne 1
11 06 UNCHAINED MELODY 39 John Berry 8-6 ... Declan O'Shea 11

11-4 Berl's Gift, 4-1 Cherished, 9-2 Kings Arrow, 8-1 Cry For Freedom, Santarene, 10-1 High Catch, 12-1 Cutting Anshake, 14-1 others.

7.35 BAILEYS IRISH CREAM LIQUEUR FAIRWAY STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £12,135: 1m 2f) (5) — SKY

1 1- TALEBAN 204 L Cumani 9-1 ... R Swinburn 4
2 0-00 DIAMOND WHITE 12 (C,F) G Bravery 8-12 ... J Weaver 2
3 146- KILIMANJARO 224 (BF,S) M Stoute 8-12 ... M J Kinane 1
4 1 ROYAL ANTHEM 21 (D,F) H Cecil 8-12 ... K Fallon 3
5 2-25 SENSORY 18 (F) B Hills 8-12 ... M Hills 5

5-4 Royal Anthem, 2-1 Kilimanjaro, 9-2 Sensory, 8-1 Taleban, 20-1 Diamond White.

8.05 EBF FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,025: 7f) (14) — SKY

1 6022 CARAMBO 7 (D) J Eyre 9-7 ... J Weaver 5
2 100- COMPOSITION 241 (G) M Jarvis 9-6 ... P Robinson 1
3 0-42 QUIZ SHOW 12 R Hannon 9-5 ... R Hughes 10
4 10-3 MADAME CLAUDE 21 (F) J Toller 9-1 ... S Sanders 8
5 24-4 MILLITRIX 22 (BF) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 11
6 060- GANDOURA 222 J Gosden 9-0 ... R Hills 12
7 30-0 SADA 120 C Dwyer 9-0 ... K Fallon 6
8 0-23 WORTH THE EFFORT 43 M Tompkins 8-12 ... D Biggs 9
9 0043 INCHALONG 5 (D,G) M Brittain 8-11 ... D Mernagh (7) 14
10 0-00 YULARA 2 B Meehan 8-4 ... Pat Eddery 2
11 06-6 DELPHIC WAY 34 G Balding 8-2 ... S Drowne 4
12 -004 TAJMIL 10 D Morris 8-0 ... D O'Donohoe 3
13 -000 DARE KITE 12 P Walwyn 7-13 ... J Lowe 7
14 60-1 MOUNTAIN MAGIC 21 (D,F) D Ffrench Davis 7-12 ... N Carlisle 13

4-1 Millitrix, 9-2 Quiz Show, 7-1 Carambo, 8-1 Madame Claude, Gandoura, Mountain Magic, 12-1 Inchalong, Dare Kite, 14-1 others.

8.35 FRANK BUTTERS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,308: 6f) (9) — SKY

1 3 ACCELERATING 12 J Gosden 8-11 ... L Dettori 7
2 COMPTON AMBER G A Butler 8-11 ... W Ryan 6
3 OBAN BALL R Hannon 8-11 ... R Hughes 8
4 OPTIONAL B Meehan 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 2
5 ROSE OF MOONCOIN J Banks 8-11 ... M Fenner 3
6 SARRAIA J Dunlop 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 5
7 SPIRIT WILLING D Loder 8-11 ... K Fallon 1
8 SULALAT R Armstrong 8-11 ... R Hills 4
9 4 WANNABE GRAND 12 (BF) J Noseda 8-11 ... D Holland 9

5-2 Wannabe Grand, 11-4 Accelerating, 3-1 Spirit Willing, 7-1 Sarraia, 8-1 Oban Ball, 20-1 Optional, Sulalat, 25-1 others.

9.05 CECIL BOYD ROCHFORT MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,464: 1m 2f) (11)

1 CHARMED EXISTENCE M Stoute 8-11 ... D Holland 4
2 00 FAIRY THREE 7 S C Williams 8-11 ... A McGlone 7
3 0 LUISIANA LADY 14 B Hanbury 8-11 ... J Stack 1
4 SEARCH PARTY L Cumani 8-11 ... D Young (7) 2
5 22 SHALAMA 7 M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 11
6 SHALIMAR GARDEN L Cumani 8-11 ... R French 3
7 2- SILVER RHAPSODY 225 (BF) H Cecil 8-11 ... K Fallon 10
8 56- SLIPPER 225 L Cumani 8-11 ... G Sparkes (7) 5
9 SOUFFLE H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan 9
10 0 STARTRECK 19 P Makin 8-11 ... S Sanders 8
11 ZEENEH M Jarvis 8-11 ... P Robinson 6

6-4 Silver Rhapsody, 9-4 Shalama, 8-1 Slipper, 10-1 Souffle, 14-1 Charmed Existence, 16-1 Search Party, Shalimar Garden, Zeeneh, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Brittain, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; H Cecil, 23 from 79, 29.1%; J Toller, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J L Harris, 3 from 14, 21.4%; P Walwyn, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: K Fallon, 15 winners from 65 rides, 23.1%; Pat Eddery, 37 from 172, 21.5%; L Dettori, 35 from 167, 21.0%; S Sanders, 8 from 49, 16.3%; R Hills, 18 from 111, 16.2%.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.25 Annmarinan. 2.55 Deep Refrain. 3.25 Shifting Moon. 4.05 American Pie. 4.35 Whirlawhile. 5.10 Gower-Slave. 5.40 Connor Macleod.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.25 BRANSFORD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,178: 3m) (18 runners)

1 441- WILLOWS ROULETTE 16 (F) A Hobbs 6-11-12 ... S Durack (3)
2 P/4- PATS CROSS 70P (D,F,S) J Hetherton 9-11-11 ... R Garritty
3 521- LOOK IN THE MIRROR 12 (F) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-10 ... C Maude
4 602- ERMINE STREET 17 O Brennan 10-11-8 ... M Brennan
5 P02- LASTO ADREE 29 (F) G Thorner 7-11-7 ... B Powell
6 0P6- WOOLOOMOOLOO 12 (B,D,F) N Henderson 6-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
7 066- SIR HENRY KNYVET 269 R Buckler 9-11-4 ... P Holley
8 336- AUTUMN FLAME 9 H F Brennan 7-11-1 ... B Clifford
9 0/5- SCENT JAR 99 R Simpson 8-10-11 ... B Dove (7)
10 002- REDGRAVE WOLF 16 K Bishop 5-10-10 ... R Greene
11 3P5- ANNMARINAN 24 T Casey 6-10-10 ... W Marston
12 003- ALPHA LEATHER 22 L Grassick 7-10-10 ... Mr J Grassick
13 60F- KNOCK STAR 12 T Bill 7-10-9 ... Gary Lyons
14 06P- EFAAD 42 J Norton 7-10-7 ... D Byrne
15 003- LIME STREET BLUES 17 T Keddy 7-10-6 ... J Goldstein (5)
16 004- EASTDON GOLD DUST 16 A Hobbs 5-10-4 ... T J Murphy
17 006- GOLDEN BAR 14 (D,F) C Grant 7-10-3 ... S McNeill
18 P0P- DAVID'S WAY 88 M Pearl 9-10-2 ... B Fenton

6-1 Look In The Mirror, 7-1 Ermine Street, 8-1 Willows Roulette, 10-1 others.

2.55 NEWALL MEASUREMENT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,316: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 3P1- INTO THE SWING 12 (F,S) Mrs M Jones 9-11-10 ... G Hogan
2 022- NORDIC SPREE 15 (B,S) G L Moore 6-11-7 ... M Batchelor (5)
3 F24- THE CAMPDONIAN 28 O O'Neill 7-11-7 ... V Slattery
4 3P0- PERSIAN BUTTERFLY 29 (G) R Stronge 6-11-5 ... Mr S Stronge (7)
5 20P- INCH CHAMPION 12 A Carroll 6-11-3 ... T J Murphy
6 P5F- IT'S A GEM 15 (S) J Gifford 9-11-2 ... L Aspell (3)
7 30-1 PORLOCK CASTLE 5 (G) P Rodford 5-11-2 (6ex) ... S Fox
8 005- PIN MONY 33 Mrs S Smith 6-11-1 ... R Wilkinson (5)
9 033- DUBAI DOLLY 12 (F) J Mullins 5-11-0 ... Mr J D Moore (7)
10 F3P- SOUTHERNCROSSPATCH 210 (F,G) P Bowen 7-10-11 ... W Marston
11 F43- DEEP REFRAIN 12 (G,S) B Phillips 8-10-10 ... S Curran
12 040- RAFTER-J 12 T Bill 7-10-8 ... Gary Lyons
13 554- TEL E THON 17 (V,D,F,G) Miss C Caroe 11-10-8 ... C Webb
14 /64- AMERCIUS 332 (B) R Simpson 6-10-5 ... Mr J Owen (7)
15 /PP- STRAIGHT LACED 29 (B,D,S) P Clarke 11-10-3 ... B Fenton
16 005/ FARLEYER ROSE 480 T George 9-10-3 ... S Wynne
17 0P6- LUDO'S ORCHESTRA 17 M Campion 7-10-2 ... B Powell
18 PFP- BOSCO'S TOUCH 16 (G) M Saunders 7-10-2 ... P Holley

5-1 Porlock Castle, 6-1 Into The Swing, 7-1 Nordic Spree, 8-1 others.

3.25 HADZOR HURDLE (£2,268: 2m) (11)

1 284- IRSAL 28 (BF,D,G) M Pipe 4-11-10 ... C Maude
2 3P0- SHIFTING MOON 12 (F,G) F Jordan 6-10-13 ... R Farrant
3 6P2- HIGH LOW 12 (CD,F,S) I Jones 10-10-12 ... Miss E J Jones
4 100- DRAGON KING 33 (S) C Boswell 6-10-10 ... B Fenton
5 332- GAME DILEMMA 12 (D,F,G) J Mullins 7-10-8 ... A Bates (3)
6 335- QUABMATIC 35 K Bishop 5-10-6 ... R Greene
7 /8-0 CHRIS'S GLEN 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Bradley 9-10-1 ... S Wynne
8 50P- LE GRAND GOUSIER 12 (B,D,F) R Price 4-10-0 ... Mr S Stronge (7)
9 052- MA BARNICLE 11 P Eccles 5-10-0 ... A Maguire
10 060- MAJOR TWIST 25 (B) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-0 ... J Goldstein (5)
11 /P0- RUSHHOME 12 J Parfett 11-10-0 ... M Batchelor (5)

9-2 Game Dilemma, 5-1 Irsal, 7-1 Shifting Moon, Dragon King, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 44 winners from 137 runners, 32.1%; I Williams, 3 from 11, 27.3%; C Mann, 8 from 35, 22.9%; G Balding, 18 from 84, 21.4%; P Nicholls, 11 from 52, 21.2%; C Weedon, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: L Aspell, 4 winners from 19 rides, 21.1%; A Maguire, 29 from 146, 19.9%; T J Murphy, 8 from 46, 17.4%; R Massey, 6 from 41, 14.6%; E Husband, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

4.05 BLISS GATE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £2,005: 2m 4f) (14)

1 0P8- BENJI 15 T Casey 7-11-5 ... T J Murphy
2 00- CASH ON DEMAND 93 R Peacock 6-11-5 ... X Aizpuru (3)
3 /64- FERRINO FRUITS 31 N Twiston-Davies 7-11-5 ... C Maude
4 3/0- GREGORIO 29 M Campion 8-11-5 ... B Powell
5 0/0- MULDALUS 213 M Sheppard 6-11-5 ... Mr J D Moore (7)
6 004- ONE MORE FLING 22 Mrs S Smith 5-11-5 ... G F Ryan (3)
7 1/3- SPUNKIE 26 (G) R Johnson Houghton 5-11-5 ... D Gallagher
8 P03- WILLIAM RUFUS 12 O Brennan 7-11-5 ... M Brennan
9 5P- AMERICAN PIE 44 Miss V Williams 8-11-0 ... S Kelly (5)
10 CHADDESLEY T Bill 7-11-0 ... Gary Lyons
11 PPP- MY BLACKBIRD 141 (S) M Bradstock 6-11-0 ... J R Kavanagh
12 FP0- NATIVE TANGO 33 N Mitchell 5-11-0 ... G Upton
13 0P0- LUDO 7 (B) C Weedon 4-10-13 ... B Fenton
14 652- MADAM LUCY 33F J Spearing 4-10-8 ... V Slattery

5-2 Spunkie, 7-2 William Rufus, 5-1 Ferrino Fruits, 6-1 One More Fling, Madam Lucy, 16-1 American Pie, 20-1 Benji, Gregorio, 25-1 others.

4.35 BLISS GATE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £2,005: 2m 4f) (13)

1 005- AUTUMN BLUNDER 22 A Carroll 6-11-5 ... A Scholes (7)
2 00/ BON LUCK 353F R Stronge 6-11-5 ... Mr S Stronge (7)
3 63F- GUMAIR 33 A Dunn 5-11-5 ... S McNeill
4 833- SILENT ACTION 9 N Smith 6-11-5 ... M Sharratt
5 00- STARLIGHT WALTZER 21 K Bridgwater 5-11-5 ... R Massey (3)
6 45- TARA-BROGAN 162 I Williams 5-11-5 ... J Tizzard (3)
7 P41- WHITE SMOKE 45P (S) T McGovern 6-11-5 ... Mr R B Ross
8 /65- WILLIE B BRAVE 29 (S) R Phillips 7-11-5 ... S Curran
9 405- B MY LOVELY 7 O O'Neill 6-11-0 ... S Durack (3)
10 DAWN SPORT G H Jones 7-11-0 ... B Fenton
11 2/P- RACHEL LOUISE 89 M Bolton 6-11-0 ... T Dascombe
12 00- AIR GUNNER 35 J O'Shea 4-10-13 ... M M FitzGerald (7)
13 422- WHIRLAWHILE 7 (BF) Miss V Williams 4-10-13 ... S Kelly (5)

11-10 Whirlawhile, 6-1 B My Lovely, 8-1 Silent Action, Gumair, 10-1 others.

5.10 HALLOW HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,179: 2m 7f 110yd) (13)

1 /P6- MR JAMBOREE 20 (CD,F,G) I Williams 12-12-0 ... S McNeill
2 311- STEVE FORD 17 (C,F,G) C Morlock 9-11-4 ... S Durack (3)
3 /41- NOVA CHAMP 28 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Smith 10-11-1 ... G F Ryan (3)
4 P00- JUST BRUCE 33 (F,S) Mrs E Heath 9-10-13 ... J Supple
5 06P- SUPPOSIN 47 (F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 10-10-13 ... R Wilkinson (5)
6 221- GOWER-SLAVE 14 (F,G) P Bowen 6-10-11 ... W Marston
7 240- SOME DAY SOON 32 (F) M Bradstock 13-10-8 ... Mr S Stronge (7)
8 152- SPRING TO GLORY 12 (F,G) P Hayward 11-10-6 ... B Powell
9 10P- SPERRIN VIEW 15 (F,G,S) Mrs H Mobley 12-10-3 ... J Tizzard (3)
10 564- SNOW BOARD 15 (B,F,S) Mrs M Jones 9-10-0 ... G Hogan
11 022- SAXON MEAD 8 (F) P Hobbs 8-10-0 ... Mr R Widger (7)
12 203- PROFESSOR PAGE 12 (B,F,G) C Mann 8-10-0 ... D Gallagher
13 0FF- CONNEL'S CROFT 17 T Keddy 6-10-0 ... J Goldstein (5)

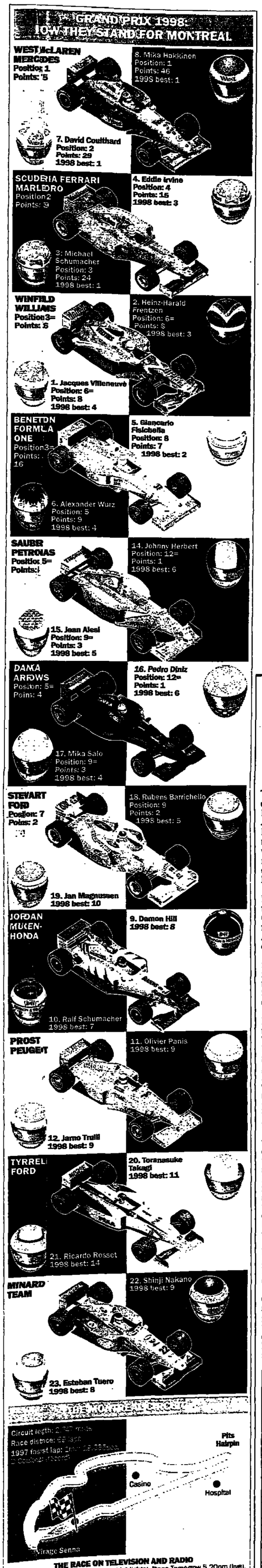
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5.40 GRIMLEY STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,382: 2m) (22)

1 1- WATERLAW 12 (D,F) P Bowen 4-11-6 ... W Marston
2 0- ARRY'S AWAY 17 M Pipe 5-11-4 ... T Dascombe
3 BEAU CASTLE T Casey 5-11-4 ... M Clarke
4 0- CLEEVE CASTLE 17 O O'Neill 6-11-4 ... V Slattery
5 CONNOR MACLEOD Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4 ... B Clifford
6 DOUBLE STEAL Mrs S Smith 5-11-4 ... S Pontin (7)
7 4RP- JUST MAI-BEE 58P P Nicholls 6-11-4 ... J Tizzard (3)
8 LET'S GO Mrs E Heath 5-11-4 ... J Supple
9 0- LORD BUSTER 72 G Balding 5-11-4 ... S Fox
10 SHALAINES PRIDE T McGovern 5-11-4 ... S Durack (3)
11 BALRATH O Brennan 6-10-13 ... M Brennan
12 4- BANJO HILL 20 C Weedon 4-10-13 ... B Fenton
13 0- BA SERENDIPITY 173 M Usher 5-10-13 ... B Powell
14 BLUE CHIEFTAIN L Grassick 4-10-13 ... Mr J Grassick
15 CHACELEY LASS G Yardley 6-10-13 ... Mr S Stronge (7)
16 GREEN ICE J Mackie 4-10-13 ... Husband (3)
17 0- LEOPARD PRINCESS 12 A H Harvey 5-10-13 ... G Hogan
18 SECRET SOURCE K Morgan 4-10-13 ... A S Smith
19 0- SHREWD MAGICIAN 28 K Bridgwater 4-10-13 ... Massey (3)
20 40- VALE HOPPER 47 J Norton 4-10-13 ... D Byrne
21 WALLABY BLOWED N Henderson 5-10-13 ... J R Kavanagh
22 AUTUMN ROUGE Miss P Whittle 4-10-8 ... Goldstein (5)

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MOTOR RACING: FERRARI AND WILLIAMS MODIFY CARS IN ATTEMPT TO OVERHAUL McLARENS IN CANADA

Schumacher longs for wet weekend

FROM KEVIN EASON IN MONTREAL

A FIERCE blast of wind whipped into the jumble of chairs behind the McLaren garage, sending David Coulthard scuttling into the team's huge motorhome. Just 20 yards away, Michael Schumacher looked up at the heavy black cloud about to deposit its load on the Ile Notre-Dame, flipped his bright red baseball cap over his eyes and smiled. Maybe, this weekend, there is a chance after all.

The locals here in Montreal say that their city can experience all four seasons in a day. Yesterday, it ran its gamut of sun, rain and wind in what the weathermen predict will be a prelude to a soggy Sunday. If they are right, Schumacher might be able to parade his talent with yet another masterful display in the wet and a win to put him back in touch with the McLarens of Mika Hakkinen and Coulthard.

At least a downpour would add some uncertainty to the outcome of the Canadian Grand Prix, a factor desperately missing for much of this Formula One season, and possibly close the seemingly vast gap in performance between teams and drivers.

For Jacques Villeneuve, the world champion, it is a crucial weekend. His rebuilt Williams, effectively a new car, must show that it can stay in touch with the McLarens, which have taken five of the first six races of the season. For Schumacher, Montreal will be decisive, according to Eddie Irvine, his team-mate.

The laconic Irishman assessed the progress made this season by the Ferrari team and contemplated the package of improvements that he hopes will put an end to the McLaren domination. Yet his analysis of the chances of Schumacher and Villeneuve contesting the title if their cars fail to live up to expectations was brutal.

"If the two McLarens are 30 seconds up the road, then you have to say it is not looking good. We have worked harder than ever this year and done a huge amount of testing.

"We'll see this weekend how strong the Williams challenge is going to be for the rest of the year, but this is their main step and, if this step doesn't work, they are not going to worry us — though I am sure they will be worried. I think we are doing a better job than they are." Not as good as the McLarens, though, which remain the cars to beat, especially on this fast circuit, with its long straights suited to the Mercedes engines.

The McLaren drivers looked yesterday as though they understood the certainties of modern grand prix racing and of driving the best car by a mile as they lounged in the paddock, which runs down to an artificial waterway, where boats bobbed and a couple of Goodyear mechanics took a break for some quiet fishing amid the hubbub of practice day.

Hakkinen is in supreme form, basking in the afterglow of performances that have put him 17 points ahead of his team-mate in the world championship and 22 ahead of Schumacher.

Coulthard is using the fact that there is much racing ahead to shore up his championship ambitions. This was a race that he could have won last year but for a mishap and he remains optimistic that tomorrow can be his day. "There are still ten races in this championship," he said.

"That's a maximum 100 points up for grabs, so there is plenty to happen yet. I cannot dwell on the size of the gap. I just have to get on with the job." How he must dwell on that first race of the season, though, that apparent act of selflessness when he moved over to allow Hakkinen to win the Australian Grand Prix.

Surely there is no quiet moment when he does not rerun that collision in Argentina with Schumacher that cost him the race. He could have let Schumacher charge on and chased him down with time to spare. "It happened and that is it and now I have to concentrate on what comes next. The most important race is the next race."

Pole position today would be welcome, but it is not vital here, as Coulthard proved last year, moving from fifth on the grid to within a whisker of victory. If he could put up such a performance, his title chances would be revived.

But he is in a queue of drivers trailing Hakkinen, the quiet man of Formula One, who looks more like a champion with each race that he successfully negotiates. Once tongue-tied, he now enjoys speaking to camera crews and is relaxed in front of a packed press conference.

As he set off in the two practice sessions yesterday, he had the relaxed air of someone who knew that the rehearsal was not important: qualifying today and the race tomorrow will determine whether he takes another step to the title.

ERIC CABANIS



Villeneuve, the world champion, knows his Williams team must start to show improved form in Montreal

DETAILS

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after six rounds) Drivers: 1, M Hakkinen (Fin, McLaren-Mercedes) 46pts; 2, D Coulthard (GB, McLaren-Mercedes) 29; 3, M Schumacher (Ger, Ferrari) 24; 4, E Irvine (GB, Ferrari) 15; 5, A Wurz (Austria, Benetton-Playlife) 9; 6 equal, H-H Frentzen (Ger, Williams-Mecachrome) and J Villeneuve (Can, Williams-Mecachrome) 8; 8, G Fischella (It, Benetton-Mecachrome) 7; 9 equal, J Alesi (Fr, Sauber-Petronas) and M Salo (Fin, Arrows) 3; 11, R Barrichello (Br, Stewart-Ford) 2; 12 equal, J Herbert (GB, Sauber-Petronas) and P Diniz (Br, Arrows) 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren-Mercedes 75; 2, Ferrari 39; 3 equal, Williams-Mecachrome and Benetton-Playlife 16; 5 equal, Sauber-Petronas and Arrows 4; 7, Stewart-Ford 2.

GRANDS PRIX TO COME: Tomorrow: Canadian (Montreal) July 12: British (Silverstone) July 26: Austrian (Zeltweg), August 2: German (Hockenheim) August 16: Hungarian (Budapest) August 30: Belgian (Spa-Francorchamps) September 13: Italian (Monza) September 27: Luxembourg (Nürburgring) October 11: Portuguese (Estoril) November 1: Japanese (Suzuka)

BOXING

Akinwande's challenge to Holyfield called off

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW YORK

THE world heavyweight championship bout between Evander Holyfield and Henry Akinwande, due to be held in Madison Square Garden tonight, was called off yesterday when results were released of medical examinations that confirmed that Akinwande had hepatitis.

A spokesman for the Don King organisation said that the New York State Athletic Commission had called off the fight after a second test on Akinwande had confirmed an earlier result.

The results of the tests were released late yesterday morning and the organisers and the television company involved, Showtime, were thrown into confusion. For a while, Holyfield's team held out hopes that there might be a mistake and the fight, for the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation versions of the title, would go on. Indeed, the champion remained optimistic and, even while reporters milled around trying to find out the true position, Holyfield continued to train to the sound of hot gospel music.

Jim Thomas, Holyfield's attorney, said that there was a chance there was a mix-up in the results. Ray Mercer had also been tested at the same laboratory and he, too, was found to have hepatitis. Thomas said that if Mercer had also tested positive, there was a chance that the result had been mistaken for Akinwande's test.

"They were both at the same lab and one suspects there might be something wrong," he said. "It is a strange coincidence."

Holyfield held a short press conference after his training session and said that he was going back to his hotel to await further news. "I'm disappointed, but these things happen," he said. "I'm surprised that the test was left this late. I always get myself tested by my doctor when I start training and send the results to the Commission. We shouldn't wait until the last minute for these things.

"I'm not too worried who I fight if the fight is off — whether it is Akinwande later or Lennox Lewis or whoever." Akinwande was not available, but Dr Chris Vaughans, Holyfield's doctor, said that he was waiting to see which strain of hepatitis Akinwande had contracted. Hepatitis A was not as dangerous as the B and C strains. He did not say how long Akinwande might be out of action if he had one of the more serious conditions, but it is believed that he might not be able to box for several months.

The cancellation of the main event meant that the whole card was called off for customers were not going to pay $1,000 for ringside seats or $40 for pay-per-view if Holyfield was not the main attraction. Akinwande, from Dulwich, stands 6ft 7in and weighs 240lb. He was hoping to prove himself worthy of a place among the leading contender, after of his dismal showing against Lewis last July.

Akinwande's second chance to challenge for a world title, after his refusal to put up a fight against Lewis, has been widely criticised. His elevation to mandatory challenger after a points win over Orlin Norris, of the United States, who could not impress as a cruiserweight, has served only to underline the belief that promoters run boxing, not world bodies.

Emanuel Steward, Akinwande's new trainer, who took Dennis Andries to a world championship three times, had said: "A lot of Henry's problems are mental. In his recent fights, he has been pretty much fighting by himself because Don Turner, his trainer, has been preoccupied with Holyfield. Now he is getting undivided attention, he is a different fighter."



Akinwande: failed test

LE MANS 24-HOUR RACE

Brundle lured back by challenge to his skills

Kevin Eason assesses the chances of former grand-prix driver in the famous old race

IT IS the only race that could persuade Martin Brundle to give up his seat in the ITV commentary box this weekend. The Le Mans 24-hour race remains one of the most charismatic fixtures in the motor sport calendar, a unique blend of speed and endurance on a circuit as historic as any in the world.

For Brundle, it is the only challenge that he would accept on the racetrack, now that his long Formula One career seems over. "It is such an extraordinary race," he said, "because it demands so much of the car, the team and drivers, who have to be racing for the whole of the 24 hours yet aware of everything that is happening in the car so that you are not only fast but will get to the end." Brundle hands his commentary seat for the Canadian Grand Prix tomorrow to his old rival, Derek Warwick, while he climbs behind the wheel of the new Toyota GT-One.

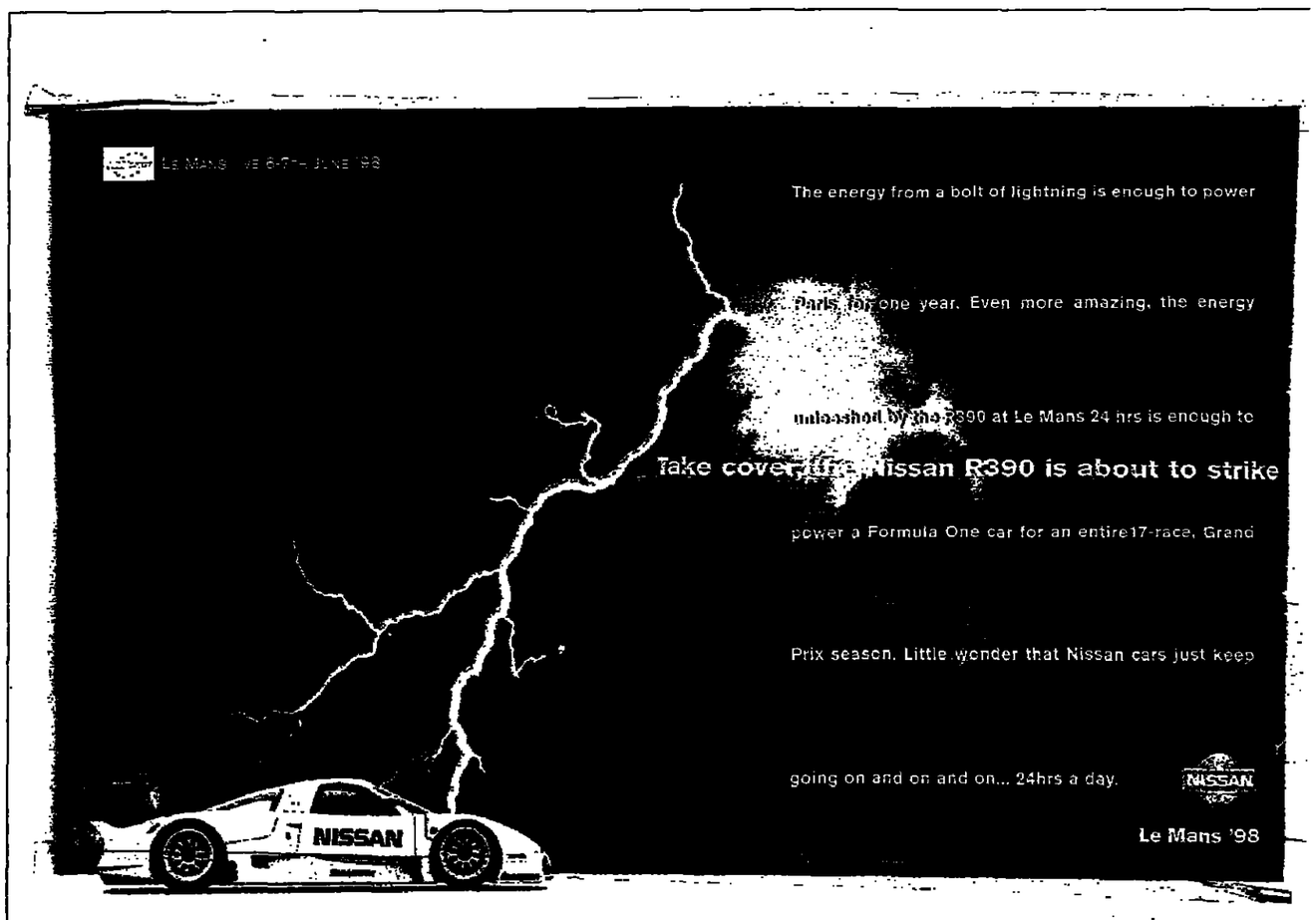
Both men have won the Le Mans race — Brundle with Jaguar and Warwick for Peugeot — but believe that the 1998 race could be the most open for years. "There are a lot of good cars on the grid this time," Warwick said, "but the race is so long, anything can happen." Brundle's new car is on its first outing, but looked in pre-qualifying as though it will be among the quickest in the field.

Yet speed is not enough at Le Mans and the twin-turbocharged V8 Toyota has to prove itself over the distance. Even if Brundle starts from pole position, his wing mirrors are sure to be filled with at least one of the Mercedes CLK-LMs, which are contesting Le Mans for the first time and have proved dominant in the GT season.

The McLarens, which burst on to the GT scene in 1995 by winning Le Mans first time out, look as though they will have to be content with chasing for places this year, even though they will have Frank Biela, the former British touring car champion, at the helm. Allan McNish, from Scotland, believes that he is driving one of the favourites for the event: the Porsche 911 GT1-98 was fastest in pre-qualifying. McNish will be alongside Yannick Dalmas, a former Le Mans winner, and Stéphane Ortelli, of France.

Whatever happens, Brundle will be hoping that this one-off appearance will not end with the same consequences as some of his testing in the new Toyota. On his first outing, in France, a throttle problem forced him to crash into a wall, an accident that put him in hospital with damaged vertebrae.

Then, at Monza, he hit a wall again. "In all the times I have tested and raced at Le Mans, I avoided accidents — then I have this run," he said. "Maybe that is a good omen."



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157	Dragoje Lekovic	YUGOSLAVIA	11 0	489	Robbie Earle	JAMAICA	5
				490	Hiroshi Nanami	JAPAN	6
DEFENDERS				491	Hidetoshi Nakata	JAPAN	12
201	Nestor Sensini	ARGENTINA	42 0	492	Ramon Ramirez	MEXICO	11
202	Jose Chamot	ARGENTINA	35 2	493	Alberto Garcia Aspe	MEXICO	15
203	Roberto Ayala	ARGENTINA	35 0	494	Marcelino Bernal	MEXICO	4
204	Javier Zanetti	ARGENTINA	29 1	495	Mustapha Hadji	MOROCCO	1
205	Pablo Paz	ARGENTINA	10 1	546	Youssef Chippo	MOROCCO	3
206	Anton Pfeffer	AUSTRIA	53 1	496	Finidi George	NIGERIA	8
207	Peter Schottel	AUSTRIA	50 0	497	Mutiu Adepoju	NIGERIA	3
208	Wolfgang Feiersinger	AUSTRIA	36 0	498	Austin Okocha	NIGERIA	2
209	Martin Hiden	AUSTRIA	2 0	499	Sunday Oliseh	NIGERIA	1
210	Bertrand Crasson	BELGIUM	15 1	500	Kjetil Rekdal	NORWAY	13
211	Eric van Meir	BELGIUM	12 1	501	Oyvind Leonhardsen	NORWAY	12
323	Vital Borkelmans	BELGIUM	16 0	503	Jostein Flo	NORWAY	11
324	Eric Deflandre	BELGIUM	5 0	504	Staale Solbakken	NORWAY	6
213	Aldair	BRAZIL	62 3	547	Erik Mykland	NORWAY	2
214	Cafu	BRAZIL	62 1	551	Jafin Ivar Jakobsen	NORWAY	11
215	Roberto Carlos	BRAZIL	45 2	505	Roberto Acuna	PARAGUAY	3
216	Goncalves	BRAZIL	22 1	507	Julio Cesar Enciso	PARAGUAY	2
217	Za Roberto	BRAZIL	15 1	508	Gheorghe Hagi	ROMANIA	109 32
218	Junior Baiano	BRAZIL	14 2	509	Dorinel Munteanu	ROMANIA	61 4
318	Andre Cruz	BRAZIL	29 1	510	Ilie Dumitrescu	ROMANIA	60 3
319	Za Carlos	BRAZIL	0 0	511	Constantin Gaica	ROMANIA	30 3
219	Trifon Ivanov	BULGARIA	72 6	512	John Moshoeu	SOUTH AFRICA	44 6
220	Radostin Kishishev	BULGARIA	22 0	513	Helman Mkhalele	SOUTH AFRICA	35 7
221	Gosho Ginchev	BULGARIA	14 0	552	Doctor Khumalo	SOUTH AFRICA	43 9
222	Ivailo Petkov	BULGARIA	9 0	515	Fuad Anwar Amin	SAUDI ARABIA	95 9
224	Rigobert Song	CAMEROON	26 0	541	Khalid Al-Muwallid	SAUDI ARABIA	91 14
225	Javier Margas	CHILE	43 3	516	John Collins	SCOTLAND	49 10
226	Ronald Fuentes	CHILE	27 1	517	Billy McKinlay	SCOTLAND	26 4
227	Cristian Castenada	CHILE	17 1	518	Craig Burley	SCOTLAND	25 1
228	Pedro Reyes	CHILE	12 2	519	Scot Gemmill	SCOTLAND	13 0
229	Wilmer Cabrera	COLOMBIA	42 2	520	Paul Lambert	SCOTLAND	12 0
230	Jorge Bermudez	COLOMBIA	40 3	521	Ha Seok-Ju	SOUTH KOREA	79 21
231	Ivan Cordoba	COLOMBIA	12 0	522	Yoo Sang-Chul	SOUTH KOREA	53 9
326	Wilson Perez	COLOMBIA	39 0	523	Fernando Hierro	SPAIN	55 15
232	Robert Jarni	CROATIA	35 0	524	Luis Enrique Martinez	SPAIN	35 7
233	Slaven Bilic	CROATIA	35 3	525	Guillermo Amor	SPAIN	32 4
234	Igor Stimac	CROATIA	26 2	526	Julen Guerrero	SPAIN	30 10
235	Dario Simic	CROATIA	14 0	527	Zoubair Beya	TUNISIA	41 9
236	Goran Juric	CROATIA	8 0	540	Mehdi Ben Slimane	TUNISIA	30 5
237	Marc Rieper	DENMARK	51 1	548	Adel Sellimi	TUNISIA	52 12
238	Jes Hogh	DENMARK	35 1	528	Cobi Jones	USA	105 8
239	Thomas Helveg	DENMARK	28 1	529	Joe-Max Moore	USA	65 16
240	Jacob Laursen	DENMARK	21 0	530	Claudio Reyna	USA	58 5
241	Tony Adams	ENGLAND	51 4	553	Tab Ramos	USA	77 6
242	Gary Neville	ENGLAND	27 0	531	Dragan Stojkovic	YUGOSLAVIA	62 12
243	Graeme Le Saux	ENGLAND	25 1	532	Slavisa Jokanovic	YUGOSLAVIA	31 4
244	Gareth Southgate	ENGLAND	25 0	534	Vladimir Jugovic	YUGOSLAVIA	22 3
245	Martin Keown	ENGLAND	18 1				
246	Sol Campbell	ENGLAND	16 0	**STRIKERS**			
249	Rio Ferdinand	ENGLAND	3 0	601	Gabriel Batistuta	ARGENTINA	59 36
250	Laurent Blanc	FRANCE	66 11	602	Abel Balbo	ARGENTINA	30 11
251	Marcel Desailly	FRANCE	40 1	603	Claudio Lopez	ARGENTINA	18 2
252	Lilian Thuram	FRANCE	31 0	604	Hernan Crespo	ARGENTINA	14 3
253	Bixente Lizarazu	FRANCE	30 1	605	Toni Polster	AUSTRIA	91 11
254	Frank Leboeuf	FRANCE	12 2	606	Luc Nilis	BELGIUM	44 18
255	Lothar Matthaus	GERMANY	122 22	607	Luis Oliveira	BELGIUM	23 7
256	Jurgen Kohler	GERMANY	98 1	608	Lokonda Mpenza	BELGIUM	7 2
257	Stefan Reuter	GERMANY	86 2	609	Bebeto	BRAZIL	66 38
258	Thomas Helmer	GERMANY	65 3	611	Ronaldo	BRAZIL	35 25
259	Olaf Thon	GERMANY	46 3	612	Edmundo	BRAZIL	27 8
260	Markus Babbel	GERMANY	28 1	613	Hristo Stoichkov	BULGARIA	70 35
322	Christrian Worns	GERMANY	2 0	614	Emil Kostadinov	BULGARIA	66 25
261	Frank de Boer	HOLLAND	52 5	615	Liuboslav Penev	BULGARIA	59 12
262	Arthur Numan	HOLLAND	26 0	616	Alphonse Tchami	CAMEROON	34 7
263	Michael Reiziger	HOLLAND	24 0	617	Patrick Mboma	CAMEROON	13 6
264	Winston Bogarde	HOLLAND	12 0	700	Omam Biyick	CAMEROON	72 48
265	Jaap Stam	HOLLAND	11 1	701	Joseph-Desire Job	CAMEROON	9 2
266	Mohammad Khakpour	IRAN	36 0	618	Ivan Zamorano	CHILE	37 23
267	Paolo Maldini	ITALY	87 5	619	Marcelo Salas	CHILE	32 19
268	Alessandro Costacurta	ITALY	53 2	620	Antony de Avila	COLOMBIA	5 18
270	Fabio Cannavaro	ITALY	13 0	621	Victor Aristizabal	COLOMBIA	3 5
271	Alessandro Nesta	ITALY	11 0	622	Faustino Asprilla	COLOMBIA	3 15
317	Giuseppe Bergomi	ITALY	77 6	623	Hamilton Ricard	COLOMBIA	5
320	Gianluca Pessotto	ITALY	3 0	624	Davor Suker	CROATIA	26
321	Moreno Torricelli	ITALY	6 0	625	Goran Vlaovic	CROATIA	10
272	Durrant Brown	JAMAICA	123 2	626	Brian Laudrup	DENMARK	18
273	Frank Sinclair	JAMAICA	5 0	630	Miklos Molnar	DENMARK	2
274	Masami Ihara	JAPAN	114 5	702	Peter Moller	DENMARK	1
275	Claudio Suarez	MEXICO	107 2	631	Alan Shearer	ENGLAND	18
276	Duilio Davino	MEXICO	37 0	632	Teddy Sheringham	ENGLAND	9
277	Pavel Pardo	MEXICO	36 0	634	Les Ferdinand	ENGLAND	5
278	Noureddine Naybet	MOROCCO	91 2	635	Michael Owen	ENGLAND	1
279	Uche Okechukwu	NIGERIA	41 0	637	Christophe Dugarry	FRANCE	2
280	Taribo West	NIGERIA	3 0	638	Robert Pires	FRANCE	2
281	Celestine Babayaro	NIGERIA	6 0	639	Stephane Guivarc'h	FRANCE	1
282	Stig Inge Bjornebye	NORWAY	60 1	640	David Trezeguet	FRANCE	1
283	Gunnar Halle	NORWAY	59 0	642	Jurgen Klinsmann	GERMANY	43
284	Henning Berg	NORWAY	50 4	643	Ulf Kirsten	GERMANY	11
285	Ronny Johnsen	NORWAY	31 1	644	Oliver Bierhoff	GERMANY	13
287	Catalino Rivarola	PARAGUAY	45 4	645	Dennis Bergkamp	HOLLAND	33
288	Carlos Gamarra	PARAGUAY	44 3	646	Patrick Kluivert	HOLLAND	6
289	Francisco Arce	PARAGUAY	26 4	647	Pierre van Hooijdonk	HOLLAND	4
290	Gheorghe Popescu	ROMANIA	76 13	648	Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink	HOLLAND	0
291	Dan Petrescu	ROMANIA	66 10	649	Ali Daei	IRAN	52 38
293	Tibor Selymes	ROMANIA	44 0	650	Khodadad Azizi	IRAN	26 10
294	Anton Dobos	ROMANIA	20 1	653	Fabrizio Ravanelli	ITALY	21 8
295	Lucas Radebe	SOUTH AFRICA	41 1	654	Alessandro Del Piero	ITALY	19 7
296	Mark Fish	SOUTH AFRICA	37 2	655	Christian Vieri	ITALY	8 2
297	Ahmed Jamil Madeni	SAUDI ARABIA	94 5	657	Filippo Inzaghi	ITALY	4 0
298	Tom Boyd	SCOTLAND	55 2	658	Walter Boyd	JAMAICA	57 17
299	Colin Hendry	SCOTLAND	32 1	659	Paul Hall	JAMAICA	20 8
300	Colin Calderwood	SCOTLAND	28 1	660	Deon Burton	JAMAICA	16 4
301	Tosh McKinlay	SCOTLAND	20 0	706	Masashi Nakayama	JAPAN	74 12
302	Christian Dailly	SCOTLAND	10 1	663	Luis Hernandez	MEXICO	38 17
303	Matt Elliott	SCOTLAND	3 0	703	Cuauhtemoc Blanco	MEXICO	34 12
327	Jackie McNamara	SCOTLAND	4 0	707	Ricardo Palaez	MEXICO	35 14
304	Lee Min-Sung	SOUTH KOREA	27 1	664	Salaheddine Bassir	MOROCCO	24 12
325	Hong Myung-Bo	SOUTH KOREA	92 9	665	Daniel Amokachi	NIGERIA	33 14
305	Rafael Alkorta	SPAIN	48 0	667	Victor Ikpeba	NIGERIA	15 1
306	Miguel Angel Nadal	SPAIN	43 2	668	Nwankwo Kanu	NIGERIA	17 1
307	Abelardo Fernandez	SPAIN	39 2	704	Rachidi Yekini	NIGERIA	33 41
308	Albert Ferrer	SPAIN	33 0	669	Tore Andre Flo	NORWAY	13 9
309	Sergi Barjuan	SPAIN	32 1	670	Egil Ostenstad	NORWAY	11 5
310	Sami Trabelsi	TUNISIA	42 3	671	Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	NORWAY	11 6
311	Marcelo Balboa	USA	126 12	708	Vidar Riseth	NORWAY	4 1
312	Alexi Lalas	USA	97 9	672	Aristides Rojas	PARAGUAY	1 6
313	Sinisa Mihajlovic	YUGOSLAVIA	38 4	673	Miguel Angel Benitez	PARAGUAY	8 7
314	Zoran Mirkovic	YUGOSLAVIA	27 0	674	Marius Lacatus	ROMANIA	0 13
315	Goran Djorovic	YUGOSLAVIA	26 0	675	Viorel Moldovan	ROMANIA	2 9
316	Miroslav Djukic	YUGOSLAVIA	23 1	676	Adrian Ilie	ROMANIA	3 2
				677	Gheorghe Craioveanu	ROMANIA	7 3
MIDFIELDERS				678	Phil Masinga	SOUTH AFRICA	1 14
401	Diego Simeone	ARGENTINA	66 10	679	Benni McCarthy	SOUTH AFRICA	0 1
402	Ariel Ortega	ARGENTINA	46 7	705	Shaun Bartlett	SOUTH AFRICA	3 6
403	Matias Almeyda	ARGENTINA	15 0	680	Sami Al-Jaber	SAUDI ARABIA	5 23
404	Juan Sebastian Veron	ARGENTINA	15 1	681	Saeed Al-Owairan	SAUDI ARABIA	5 24
549	Marcelo Gallardo	ARGENTINA	24 10	682	Gordon Durie	SCOTLAND	7
405	Andreas Herzog	AUSTRIA	66 13	683	Kevin Gallacher	SCOTLAND	8
406	Peter Stoger	AUSTRIA	57 13	684	Darren Jackson	SCOTLAND	3
407	Helmo Pfeffenberger	AUSTRIA	34 9	685	Scott Booth	SCOTLAND	5
408	Ivica Vastic	AUSTRIA	11 1	686	Simon Donnelly	SCOTLAND	0
550	Harald Cerny	AUSTRIA	20 0	687	Seo Jung-Won	SOUTH KOREA	16
409	Franky van der Elst	BELGIUM	80 0	688	Choi Yong-Soo	SOUTH KOREA	17
410	Enzo Scifo	BELGIUM	79 17	689	Alfonso Perez	SPAIN	8
411	Lorenzo Staelens	BELGIUM	46 6	690	Juan Antonio Pizzi	SPAIN	6
412	Marc Wilmots	BELGIUM	31 9	691	Kiko Narvaez	SPAIN	3
413	Nico van Kerckhoven	BELGIUM	14 0	692	Raul Gonzalez	SPAIN	2
414	Gert Verheyen	BELGIUM	14 2	693	Fernando Morientes	SPAIN	2
416	Philippe Clement	BELGIUM	2 0	694	Riadh Jelassi	TUNISIA	3
417	Leonardo	BRAZIL	39 6	695	Eric Wynalda	USA	51
420	Denilson	BRAZIL	14 5	696	Brian McBride	USA	2
421	Rivaldo	BRAZIL	9 5	697	Dejan Savicevic	YUGOSLAVIA	20
422	Doriva	BRAZIL	8 0	698	Predrag Mijatovic	YUGOSLAVIA	14
536	Dunga	BRAZIL	83 8	699	Savo Milosevic	YUGOSLAVIA	14
542	Cesar Sampaio	BRAZIL	26 2				
543	Giovanni	BRAZIL	13 4				
423	Zlatko Yankov	BULGARIA	66 4				
424	Krasimir Balakov	BULGARIA	65 12				
425	Daniel Borimirov	BULGARIA	38 4				
426	Ivalo Yordanov	BULGARIA	36 1				

The first column of figures after players' names shows caps, the second, goals scored for the country. All the squads of 22 players have now been announced and the list updated accordingly. You are allowed unlimited changes to your team until June 9.

South Africans score high on disappointment

MICHAEL HENDERSON



That terrific invention, the Monsterflopometer, recorded South Africa's dismal performance on the first day of this Test as a nine. They avoided a straight ten because they eventually took a wicket even though Mark Butcher more or less tied it up for them in a nice little bundle and handed it over with the ribbons attached.

Mr Monster's handy instrument provided a very disappointing reading yesterday. The needle hovered at five when Stewart and Hussain were playing some attractive strokes in the morning, before it settled around three when South Africa clawed back some of the ground that they had conceded in the first three sessions. Nevertheless, if the weather holds, they may have to bat long and well to avoid defeat.

It soon became clear, even to the numbest skulls, that Michael Atherton had batted pretty nobly the day before. Atherton declined to add his hundred, getting out in Donald's first over when the new ball bounced a bit, as it often does, but he had played a good hand. He did not appear on the Monterflop scale, not in this match anyway.

Bob Woolmer, the Englishman who coaches South Africa, doesn't seem to have the IF apparatus in his bag of tricks, which is a bit of a swizz really, because everything else is here.

If you want to know how many left-handed batsmen have scored run square of the wicket off no ball, between lunch and tea, on a day of any match that his team had played in the past three years, then he has got the news.

After every ball his players bowl, Woolmer keeps the data in his computer. So when some hapless soul wends his weary way towards the pavilion at the end of a session, he can tell him something like: "The conjunction of computer co-ordinates cuts no cake in my clever compendium." Or, as coarser folk might put it: "Land the bloody thing on the cut bit."

However hard people try to disguise it, cricket is essentially a straightforward game. Straightforward, not easy. Like everything else in life, there is cause and effect, action and reaction, call and response. Players can be in or out of form, lucky and unlucky, but the basic principles are rooted in solid earth.

The chap who bowls straight will invariably hit the stumps if the batsman misses it. The batsman who gets behind the ball will usually protect his wicket. Fielders who take their eyes off the ball tend to drop it when it comes their way. All the gizmos and gadgets in the world will never alter these inescapable facts.

Technology can play a part, but, in a human game, it must serve the cricketer, not the other way round. Any fool understands the difference between a ball of good length and a long hop and, if a bowler continues in his confusion, no PC yet devised will help him. The only equipment that Woolmer has needed in this match has been a decent pair of eyes, a good memory and a rough tongue.

For a side that is endowed with fast and fast-medium bowlers of considerable ability, South Africa have bowled far too loosely. Donald can be forgiven an occasional fall from grace. He has done his bit in the past and will do so again. Pollock has bowled well without reward. The others should be lost in their own thoughts.

On the evidence he has submitted so far, Klusener is underqualified for this level. He jumps into the crease in the gauche manner of a prep schoolboy who has been given a ball for a present. The biggest disappointment, though, has been Kallis, who has served up tripe by the bowlful, with salt and pepper, too.

Last year, when he played with some distinction for Middlesex as a 21-year-old all-rounder, he impressed not only with his forceful batting, but also with some very lively bowling. Mike Gatting thought he was the quickest bowler they had and, in one match at Lord's, when Devon Malcolm took 11 wickets, Kallis apparently got the ball through faster.

There is plenty of time for him to remind those who have not seen him of that undoubted talent and, when he finds a faster pitch than the one that Steve Rouse has prepared here, he may do so. There is no getting away, however, from the fact that, so far, this touring team has struggled to justify its reputation.

'Kallis has served up tripe by the bowlful — with salt and pepper, too'

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Boucher, the South Africa wicketkeeper, appeals as Hussain is given out leg-before yesterday

EDGBASTON SCOREBOARD

South Africa won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

M A Butcher c Kallis b Adams... 77
(272min, 214 balls, 7 fours)

M A Atherton c Boucher b Donald... 103
(365min, 279 balls, 12 fours)

*†A J Stewart c Cullinan b Klusener... 49
(188min, 128 balls, 5 fours)

N Hussain lbw b Adams... 35
(99min, 82 balls, 5 fours)

G P Thorpe b Pollock... 10
(38min, 30 balls, 1 four)

M R Ramprakash b Donald... 49
(194min, 151 balls, 4 fours)

M A Ealham b Adams... 5
(56min, 39 balls)

D G Cork c Pollock b Donald... 36
(126min, 109 balls, 5 fours)

R D B Croft c Boucher b Donald... 19
(31min, 21 balls, 2 fours)

D Gough not out... 16
(34min, 15 balls, 2 fours)

A R C Fraser c Cronje b Pollock... 9
(28min, 21 balls, 1 four)

Extras (b 18, lb 26, w 8, nb 2)... 54

Total (181 overs, 720min)... 462

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-179 (Atherton 66), 2-249 (Stewart 28), 3-309 (Hussain 35), 4-309 (Thorpe 0), 5-329 (Ramprakash 4), 6-356 (Ramprakash 25), 7-411 (Cork 30), 8-430 (Croft 12), 9-437 (Gough 0)

BOWLING: Donald 35-9-95-4 (w 2; 11 fours; 6-2-13-0, 2-0-5-0, 5-0-19-0, 3-1-6-0, 8-5-12-1, 5-1-11-0, 6-0-29-3); Pollock 42-12-92-2 (nb 2, w 1; 8 fours; 7-4-7-0, 7-1-13-0, 3-0-3-0, 4-3-5-0, 6-1-25-0, 6-2-7-1, 3-0-11-0, 6-1-21-1); Klusener 31-7-74-1 (nb 1; 9 fours; 8-3-26-0, 5-1-9-0, 3-0-10-0, 9-1-18-1, 6-2-11-0); Cronje 11-3-28-0 (w 1; 3 fours; 3-2-4-0, 3-1-6-0, 4-0-18-0); Adams 42-10-83-3 (8 fours; 8-0-19-0, 10-2-28-1, 17-6-26-2, 7-2-10-0); Kallis 20-7-46-0 (w 1; 7 fours; 7-2-16-0, 5-2-16-0, 3-1-7-0, 5-2-7-0).

SCORING NOTES

SECOND DAY: Lunch: 321-4 (121 overs, 481mn; Thorpe 4, Ramprakash 2). Tea: 382-6 (154 overs, 603min; Ramprakash 41, Cork 10). Third new ball taken at 4.55pm — England 411-6 (169 overs). Rain stopped play 5.08 to 6.10pm.

SOUTH AFRICA: G Kirsten, G F J Liebenberg, J H Kallis, D J Cullinan, *W J Cronje, J N Rhodes, L Klusener, S M Pollock, †M V Boucher, P R Adams, A A Donald.

UMPIRES: D R Shepherd and R B Tiffin (Zimbabwe).

THIRD UMPIRE: J H Hampshire.

MATCH REFEREE: Javed Burki (Pakistan).

TESTS TO COME

SECOND (Lord's): June 18-22.
THIRD (Old Trafford): July 2-6.
FOURTH (Trent Bridge): July 23-27.
FIFTH (Headingley): August 6-10.

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Uncommon Smith rallies troops

BY SIMON WILDE

TAUNTON (third day of four. Somerset (24pts) beat Warickshire (4) by eight wickts

WARWICKSHIRE received the tnings of leadership that they were looking for yesterday, but it came not from Brian Lara, their appointed captain, but from Neil Smith, who could well inherit the post.

Refusing to accept a desperate situation was beyond salvation. Smith struck 147 from 133 balls and almost delivered his sides escape route. They went down to a three-day defeat, but he may have raised them out of their slough of despair.

When Smith walked out to bat at 12.5pm, Warwickshire were 84 for seven and 151 runs from avoiding an innings defeat. In such a situation, many cricketers might have given up and had Penney, Smith's partner, been held in the slips off Caddick before a run was added, the game's conclusion might have been brief. Warwickshire would have been contemplating four disheartening defeats in a row and a season entering freefall.

But Penney was awarded that life and one more and Smith made the most of a situation for which his game is tailored. He had licence to hit out and that is precisely what he did, knocking off its length a Somerset attack that was having things all its own way.



Smith: hit defiant 147

Seemingly unconcerned that his five previous championship innings had brought seven runs, Smith punched his way to a 43-ball half-century, brought up with three fours in an over from Bulbeck, puncturing the confidence of a young man who had earlier taken three wickets in nine balls.

Forty-six balls later, Smith had reached his fourth first-class hundred, by which time Mushtaq had deceived Penney, Smith's straight man, into chipping into the hands of mid-off. Yet their stand of 109 in 22 overs was succeeded by one of 90 in 22 more between Smith and Giles.

The ninth-wicket partnership progressed all the more tensely for the knowledge that only the leporine Giddins remained.

When Mushtaq, warming to the challenge, had Giles caught at silly point for a sterling 28, the Warwickshire lead was just 48, but, such was the change of mood that Smith had wrought, every fielder was now on the boundary. He struck Rose into the churchyard, but had taken his score only from 126 to 147 when he edged Mushtaq to slip. He had hit 22 fours and three sixes, but Somerset needed a mere 70 to win.

They got them easily enough, Mushtaq having fun with big hitting of his own, but Smith, who led Warwickshire to 13 wins in 17 matches last year, had lifted his colleagues from the floor. That seemed impossible when Piper, Lara, Brown and Welch fell inside four overs.

Lara and Piper had batted with admirable circumspection through a difficult first hour and neither could do anything about the snorters that removed them. Perhaps anticipating flak was soon to fly, Lara took himself off to the back of the dressing-room, but he was out on the balcony, smiling broadly, when Smith was in full cry. Do not write off Warwickshire just yet.

Adams revels in return to form

BY JACK BAILEY

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (third day of four): Sussex, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 243 runs ahead of Kent

FOR all the promise shown by Sussex when Chris Adams and Wasim Khan were riding high, during a partnership of 138 for the second wicket, and Kent were looking somewhat bedraggled, they could not quite claim to be firmly in the box seat by the end of a murky day in which 17 overs were lost to rain.

Sussex have certainly given themselves a reasonable chance of winning on a pitch which is never likely to be ideal for batting. They know their cricket in these parts, and a tense struggle in unfriendly conditions has been appreciated by the huddled masses. Yesterday, for the first time in three days, they saw a batsman sure of touch and in full flow.

The selection last month of Adams for England's Texaco Trophy party marked the beginning of a trough in his fortunes after his first season as the Sussex captain had kicked off in enviable style. Now, he was back to his best, putting us in mind of those halcyon early-season days during which he reeled off a century in each innings against Essex.

Almost from first ball to last, Adams commanded the scene while the left-handed Wasim Khan played an admirable second fiddle. Like Adams, Wasim, the former Warwickshire batsman, is enjoying a fruitful first season with his new county. His opening partnership of 62 from 31 overs with Toby Peirce had laid a sensible foundation for the Sussex second innings, and Wasim continued to take no chances while Adams enjoyed himself at the crease.

Quick to punch the ball square on the off side, eager to pounce with pull or hook on anything short, Adams gave only one chance. The dreaded 111 was on the board. Adams, on 31, pulled Fleming, but succeeded in getting only a looping top edge, over the head of Alan Wells. The former Sussex player turned as the ball came over his shoulder, but failed to grasp a difficult chance.

Although Wasim Khan was first to his 50, after a stay of more than three hours, Adams was closing fast. His half-century came in half the time, three scorching blows, a square drive, a square cut, and a pull off one of Igglesden's comparatively rare overs, helping him on his way.



Adams: dominated stand

By the time Wasim was out, stumped as he moved down the wicket to Patel, Sussex had reached the 200 mark and Wasim had gone past 50 for the fourth time in six championship innings for his new county, including a century against Durham.

Adams had made 84 in two hours and 40 minutes when his innings was ended in a disappointing manner. The last ball bowled before tea saw him slash hard, but unwisely, to Patel at deep point.

Thereafter, the momentum of the Sussex innings could not be regained, hard though Michael Bevan tried to restore it, and well though Keith Newell played after Bevan had become Patel's third victim.

Byas century puts game in balance

BY PAT GIBSON

HEADINLEY (third day of four): Leestershire, with eight secad-innings wickets in hand, a 158 runs ahead of Yorkshire

AS A wds farmer, David Byas is ed to getting up early. Qu clearly, Leicestershire's crketers are not and that helpto explain how the Yorkshin captain came to score his ird century in three championship matches at Heading/ this season before throwinglown the gauntlet by declaing 80 runs behind on first iings.

A falselarm had led to the Leicestenire team being evacuate from their hotel at 3.15am ad their lack of sleep seemed tcatch up with them as Byasled Yorkshire to a challenge 273 for three on a pitch oi which they might have be expected to struggle to avoiche follow-on.

Leicestershire began well enpugl Lewis having McGra superbly caught by a divinMaddy at second slip in the tird over of the day, but nothinwent right for them after thi. Mullally appeared to be lving 40 winks when Byas, hen on 25, drove Brimst gently to mid-off, while Simons's reflexes were not up to it at second slip when Byas was dropped again off Lewis on 40.

Vaughan had done well to survive some early alarms of his own, which included several edges through the slips and a blow on the helmet when he ducked into a short ball from Simmons, and he and Byas went on to add 114 for the second wicket as Leicestershire started to wilt. Vaughan had made 77, including 12 fours, when he was leg-before to Brimson, playing back to a ball that kept low.

Brimson's left-arm spin was the big threat to Yorkshire after that as the pitch lost its pace, but he had no more joy until Byas and Wood had put on another 129 for the third wicket. Byas had reached 116 off 227 balls in almost five hours, when he was caught and bowled off a leading edge, leaving Wood, a well-organised young batsman, unbeaten on 52.

The declaration left Leicestershire with 18 overs' batting, time enough for Maddy to fail again against Hutchison's left-arm swing and Wells to fall to White's outswinger. Smith, however, remained wide-awake, batting positively to take Leicestershire to 78 for two.

Peters stays to bolster Essex total

BY RICHARD HOBSON

ILFORD (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 193 runs ahead of Essex

PLAY was delayed by 30 minutes after an 85-year-old spectator collapsed with a suspected stroke during the tea interval at Valentine's Park, yesterday. An ambulance cut across the ground — escorted around the square by a steward — before parking on the outfield, where medical officers administered treatment.

Subsequently with the man on his way to hospital, the game evolved at a somewhat brisker pace than in the previous two sessions. Johnson struck Sutch for three boundaries in the first over after the protracted break and then offered a straightforward return catch. Archer adopted a similar approach, driving the off spinner over long off and using his feet against Grayson to rewarding effect.

Tim Robinson remained characteristically obdurate at the other end. He ground his way to 54 in three hours before falling in the same way as Johnson had, perhaps deceived in the flight by Sutch.

Nottinghamshire had hoped to begin their second innings with a more commanding lead. That Essex extended their first innings to 322, a deficit of 20, owed much to a ninth-wicket stand of 83 in 30 overs between Stephen Peters and Mark Ilott. Peters, who scored a hundred in the under-19 World Cup final for England in the winter, completed another landmark in recording a maiden championship half-century from 177 balls with six fours. His vigil ended when he edged Oram to slip.

The net result is that Nottinghamshire enter the final day on 173 for four and that Johnson might have to consider a declaration around lunch time. He must give his bowlers time to collect ten wickets on a pitch that is still providing a fair contest between bat and ball.

Sri Lanka in control

MAHELA JAYAWARDENA carried Sri Lanka to a strong position against New Zealand on the third day of the second Test match in Galle yesterday. Jayawardena, who made half-centuries in both innings of the first Test — which Sri Lanka lost by 167 runs — stroked a stylish undefeated 88 in a total of 197 for three in. Earlier, Kumara Dharmasena, the off spinner, took a career-best six for 72 to bowl out New Zealand for 193.

Aymes puts Hampshire in command

BY IVO TENNANT

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Glamorgan, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 75 runs behind Hampshire

THE county champions will do well to avoid being beaten by the bottom-placed county today. A century by Adrian Aymes enabled Hampshire to achieve a first-innings lead of 202, which they made the most of by taking Glamorgan's first four wickets for 84. Peter Hartley, 38, the Yorkshireman who feels that he still has much to contribute in the first-class game, took three of them.

Aymes made 133, his career-best score, against Leicestershire in Hampshire's last match. He batted now for almost 5½ hours for his 120, giving one chance to first slip on 94 and striking 13 fours. With Whitaker, whose 74 was his highest for three years, he put on 145. It was a partnership that gave their county an excellent chance of gaining their first championship victory of the season.

There were contributions all down Hampshire's order. When Whitaker was caught behind off Parkin, the one Glamorgan bowler to return respectable figures, Kevan James came in and thumped 36 swift runs. Udal drove and pulled six fours in an unbeaten 42 and McLean and Hartley made merry, too.

All of which meant that Glamorgan's poor start to their second innings was inexcusable. Hartley had Steve James leg-before and then Dale caught at second slip, second ball. Maynard was taken at the wicket, driving, Cottey edged to second slip and, if Aymes had held a straightforward catch to remove Evans, the champions would have been in a sorry state indeed.



Britannic Assurance Championship: Middlesex outfought while cast-off claims 101st century

Durham's grit turns tide back

By John Stern

LORD'S (third day of four): Middlesex, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 162 runs ahead of Durham

AT SOME stage, in the not too distant future, the novelty of the new, improved Durham will wear off. With two championship wins, they are already some way from being the weakest side in the country, which was their preserve in their early years, and have played their full part in an intriguing contest here that has turned their way.

Yesterday morning, Durham lost the initiative that they had established the previous evening when David Boon and Jon Lewis put on a hundred for the third wicket. However, a fine, aggressive innings by Paul Collingwood dragged them back into it after a collapse and then their bowlers put them ahead on points in the afternoon.

When Durham were 214 for six, one might have envisaged a Middlesex lead approaching three figures but back Durham came, gritting their teeth, with Nicky Phillips and John Wood chipping in valuably.

Boon fell in the eighth over of the morning for 68, caught well to his right at second slip by Mike Gatting, who is 41 today, bringing to an end another productive Lord's innings for the Durham captain, who has 499 first-class runs at headquarters at an average of 71. Gatting, in a team of whipper-snappers, clearly took encouragement from his Australian opponent of similarly advanced years because, in poor light, he gave us a glimpse from his past.

He held his side's second innings together with a display of fortitude — he was hit on the chest by Melvyn Betts early on — and power, cutting fiercely as only he can. He was dropped by Gough in the gully when he had 13 and he had hit 12 fours in his 66 when he stretched for a full-length ball from wide outside off stump off Foster, contriving to drag it back on to his leg stump.

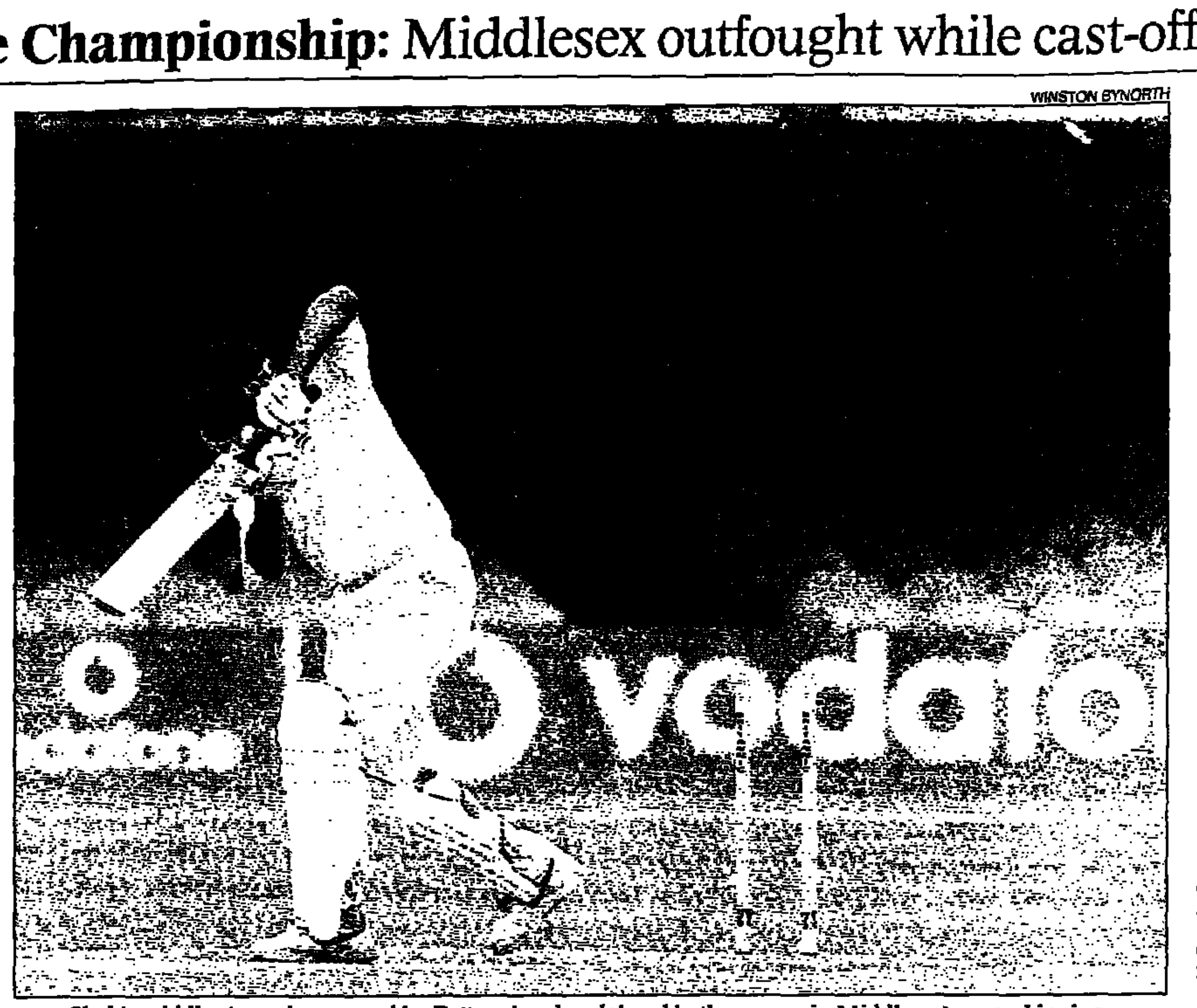
The blows for the oldies aside, it was extremely encouraging to witness the effectiveness of four seam bowlers all aged 25 or under. Tim Bloomfield, 25, in his fifth championship game, took his second five-wicket haul in Durham's first-innings total of 312, which left them 23 behind Middlesex. Jamie Hewitt, 22, who was impressive for Middlesex last season, arguably bowled better than Bloomfield, taking three for 82, including the key wickets of Boon and Collingwood.

The real pace and hostility, though, came from the Durham pair of Betts and Steve Harmison, 23 and 19 respectively, who are the country's two leading wicket-takers. Both bowled well in the first innings, achieving the sort of bounce that had Justin Langer talking about home and the rock-hard pitch at the WACA.

Betts, who took three for 16 in his first spell of nine overs, has the more energetic approach while Harmison is taller with a slower run-up that rises into a high delivery stride, the result of which is the extraction of awkward bounce.

After removing Richard Kettleborough, who was leg-before to the second ball of the innings, Betts had Langer caught at point, leaving Middlesex five for two. He bowled Owais Shah with an in-swinger that removed his middle stump before Harmison, at the other end, took the wickets of David Nash, caught superbly down the leg side by Martin Speight, and Keith Brown, who was leg-before a few balls after being hit painfully on his right wrist.

WINSTON BYNORTH



Shah's middle stump is removed by Betts, who also claimed both openers in Middlesex's second innings

Hick makes it four in a row

By Barney Spender

THE OVAL (third day of four): Worcestershire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 136 runs behind Surrey

FOR anyone who might not have noticed, Graeme Hick is in quite decent nick. Not content with becoming the 24th man to reach 100 first-class hundreds on Sunday, the England cast-off set about century No 101 yesterday with a fine innings of 119 as Worcestershire battled determinedly to avoid the follow-on against Surrey, a feat they accomplished with their last pair together.

It was Hick's fifth century of the season and his fourth in a row, and means that his past seven innings have produced the little matter of 736 runs. A warm-up innings of 124 against Oxford University on May 11 has been followed by scores of 33 and 58 against the South Africans, 166 at Uxbridge against Middlesex, 104 and 132 against Sussex and now 119. The England middle-order could be forgiven a few nervous glances over their shoulders.

It was also Hick's sixth hundred against Surrey, although only his second at the Oval. The previous effort of 127, coming ten years ago at the tail end of an extraordinary year in which he scored 2,713 runs, was the kind of innings that earned him the sobriquet of "flat-track bully".

The one he scored yesterday could not have been more different. Starting the day with 40 to his name, he engaged in a lengthy defensive battle against the spin duo of Saqlain Mushtaq and Ian Salisbury, who between them bowled 58 of the first 64 overs.

Hick showed immense patience as he collected just nine runs in the first hour and only 28 — boosted by a couple of late boundaries — before lunch. At the other end, wickets tumbled at regular intervals. Haynes was well caught by Ward at point, Moody and Leatherdale fell to catches close to the wicket and Rhodes had no answer to Saqlain's "slider", an arm ball that skidded through to bowl him.

It was only when he was joined by Stuart Lampitt that Worcestershire showed any signs of taking the game into the last day, let alone reach the follow-on mark of 353. Together they kept the spinners at bay, with Hick taking responsibility for the spit and bite of Saqlain while Lampitt, who made a gritty 43, coped admirably with Salisbury.

Hick used his feet to hit Saqlain for two fours and later raised his hundred when he pulled a long hop from Salisbury through mid-wicket. It was only his ninth boundary, his century coming in 318 minutes off 264 balls. Their partnership of 115 in 49 overs was ended by the new ball. In the fifth over, Martin Bicknell ended Hick's six-hour vigil when he hurried one through that took an inside edge onto the stumps.

Alex Tudor brought one back to knock out Lampitt's middle stump and Saqlain picked up his fourth wicket when he had Newport pouched at silly mid-off. Illingworth and Sheriyar did well to scratch together the 24 runs still needed to avoid the follow-on, but Worcestershire may need yet another hundred from Hick if they are to save this game today.

Loye's fall turns contest on its head

By John Thicknesse

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Lancashire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 209 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

MAL LOYE was patiently steering Northamptonshire to what had the makings of a commanding lead at Wantage Road when Peter Martin had him caught at second slip for 149 to transform the game.

Before Loye's dismissal, Northamptonshire were 321 for six. They were back in the hutch for 332 only 28 balls later. Martin and Glen Chapple making fine use of the new ball to rip through the tailenders.

Relieved to be no more than 102 behind, Lancashire lost the left-handed Wood, not offering a stroke, in Rose's second over.

Within 20 minutes, however, Fairbrother, climbing into Malcolm, seized the initiative. In his first full over at the crease, the 35-year-old former England batsman thrashed Malcolm for three fours in succession through the covers, launching a stand of 85 with an equally fluent Crawley that enabled Lancashire to lead by the 22nd over.

Fairbrother left at 96, bowled on the back foot by Taylor, but with Crawley scoring as quickly, if less eye-catchingly, and the 6ft 4in Flintoff finding his large stride at once with successive fours off Malcolm, there was no halting Lancashire.

Curran gave them more help than a captain should by over-bowling Malcolm, who, in spells of four and five overs, was punished for 11 fours and 56 runs in all.

Crawley, matching Loye for style and poise, reached three figures out of 239 for two, then edged Swann to slip, having hit 15 fours off 150 balls. Flintoff, merciless on the leg side, needed only 106 balls to thrash the third hundred of the match — 15 fours, two sixes — as the contest headed for a fourth-day run chase.

Barnett to the rescue after strike by Walsh

By Michael Austin

CHESTERFIELD (third day of four): Derbyshire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 178 runs behind Gloucestershire

AN all-or-nothing approach has been Mark Alleyne's response to a first day lost to rain and an uninspiring pitch. The Gloucestershire captain yesterday opted to try to bowl out Derbyshire twice and risk condemning the final day to a non-event.

After Gloucestershire had extended their first innings to 459 for eight, of which Matthew Windows made 143 — his second century in successive innings — Alleyne's tactics looked as if they might pay off when Courtney Walsh dismissed Michael Slater and Tim Tweats with the second and third balls of what amounted to a gentle loosening over in chilly conditions.

Both batsmen played lamentable strokes, Slater's being little better than a slog to short mid-on. Tweats edged his first ball, a leg-side lifter, to Russell at which point a score of 310 to save the follow-on looked a distant prospect.

Barnett prevented the hat-trick and proceeded to make 74 from 108 balls before edging an intended cut on to his stumps. His flamboyant innings maintained a rich seam of form. Slater, by contrast, has scored only 76 runs in five championship innings.

Barnett shared a third-wicket partnership of 11 in 21 overs with Rollins and Gloucestershire's bowlers struggled as Cassar and Krikken put together a century stand until Lewis followed his maiden half-century by taking five for 41.

Gloucestershire announced yesterday that they were releasing David Lawrence, the fast bowler who played five Tests before fracturing a kneecap in New Zealand while on tour with England. He made a brief comeback last season.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Gloucestershire

CHESTERFIELD (third day of four): Derbyshire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 178 runs behind Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
G I Macmillan c Lacey b DeFreitas .. 2
T H C Hancock c Rollins b Barnett .. 94
A J Wright c Tweats b Dean .. 17
*M W Alleyne b Barnett .. 43
M G N Windows run out .. 143
D R Hewson b Aldred .. 52
†R C Russell b Dean .. 8
M C J Ball c Krikken b Dean .. 7
J Lewis not out .. 54
A M Smith not out .. 17
Extras (lb 6, nb 16) .. 22
Total (8 wkts dec) .. 459
Score at 120 overs: 357-5
C A Walsh did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-59, 3-170, 4-175, 5-326, 6-373, 7-381, 8-402
BOWLING: DeFreitas 33-7-74-1; Dean 32-4-123-3; Aldred 31-3-117-1; Cassar 10-3-1-58-0; Lacey 10-0-51-0; Barnett 20-7-30-2

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
M J Slater c Smith b Walsh .. 0
A S Rollins lbw b Lewis .. 34
T A Tweats c Russell b Walsh .. 0
K J Barnett b Alleyne .. 74
M R May lbw b Lewis .. 11
M E Cassar not out .. 65
*†K M Krikken lbw b Lewis .. 60
P A J DeFreitas c Russell b Lewis .. 0
S J Lacey c Ball b Smith .. 0
P Aldred b Lewis .. 3
K J Dean not out .. 0
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 28) .. 34
Total (9 wkts, 73 overs) .. 281
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-105, 4-137, 5-143, 6-255, 7-261, 8-270, 9-279
BOWLING: Walsh 17-3-69-2; Smith 17-2-59-1; Lewis 19-6-41-5; Ball 7-2-45-0; Alleyne 13-2-63-1.
Bonus points: Derbyshire 4 Gloucestershire 8
Umpires: B Dudleston and A A Jones.

Essex v Nottinghamshire

ILFORD (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 193 runs ahead of Essex

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 342 (P Johnson 95, G F Archer 63, M C Ilott 4 for 62)

Second Innings
M P Dowman lbw b Irani .. 12
R T Robinson c and b Such .. 54
U Afzaal c S G Law b Such .. 4
*P Johnson c and b Such .. 17
G F Archer not out .. 60
N A Gie not out .. 16
Extras (b 1, lb 7, nb 2) .. 10
Total (4 wkts) .. 173
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-51, 3-71, 4-124.
BOWLING: Ilott 13-5-23-0; Cowan 10-5-25-0; Irani 5-1-15-1; Such 27-9-66-3, Grayson 9-1-36-0

ESSEX: First Innings
D D J Robinson lbw b Franks .. 3
I N Flanagan c and b Strang .. 57
A P Grayson c Archer b Franks .. 0
*S G Law c Franks b Afzaal .. 106
R C Irani c Read b Bowen .. 7
S D Peters c Archer b Oram .. 64
†R J Rollins c Johnson b Oram .. 12
D R Law b Franks .. 19
A P Cowan c Read b Oram .. 1
M C Ilott c Read b Dowman .. 38
P M Such not out .. 3
Extras (lb 10, nb 2) .. 12
Total .. 322
Score at 120 overs: 306-8
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-5, 3-157, 4-173, 5-181, 6-206, 7-230, 8-233, 9-316.
BOWLING: Bowen 27-9-71-1, Franks 26-10-57-3, Oram 29-8-89-3, Strang 38-13-84-1, Afzaal 5-2-11-1, Dowman 1-1-0-1
Bonus points: Essex 7 Nottinghamshire 6
Umpires: R Palmer and A Clarkson

Hampshire v Glamorgan

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Glamorgan with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 75 runs behind Hampshire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 269 (A Dale 92, M J Powell 52; A D Mascarenhas 4 for 68)

Second Innings
S P James lbw b Hartley .. 20
A W Evans not out .. 55
A Dale c Whitaker b Hartley .. 0
*M P Maynard c Aymes b James .. 5
P A Cottey c Whitaker b Hartley .. 17
M J Powell c Hartley b Whitaker .. 20
O T Parkin not out .. 0
Extras (lb 4, nb 6) .. 10
Total (5 wkts) .. 127
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-52, 3-65, 4-84, 5-124.
BOWLING: McLean 11-2-38-0; Hartley 12-1-37-3; James 10-2-28-1; Mascarenhas 5-2-10-0; Udal 4-0-8-0; Whitaker 2-0-2-1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
G W White c Thomas b Watkin .. 56
J P Stephenson lbw b Parkin .. 0
*R A Smith c Shaw b Watkin .. 84
M Keech c Shaw b Butcher .. 4
†A N Aymes c Shaw b Dale .. 120
A D Mascarenhas lbw b Butcher .. 0
P R Whitaker c Shaw b Parkin .. 74
K D James run out .. 36
S D Udal not out .. 42
N A M McLean c Powell b Dale .. 11
P J Hartley c Evans b Watkin .. 18
Extras (b 1, lb 15, w 4, nb 6) .. 26
Total .. 471
Score at 120 overs: 300-5
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-139, 3-157, 4-161, 5-163, 6-308, 7-387, 8-425, 9-448
BOWLING: Watkin 37-9-106-3, Parkin 34-16-47-2; Thomas 34-7-106-0, Butcher 26-3-86-2; Dale 17-1-72-2, Cottey 16-2-38-0.
Bonus points: Hampshire 7 Glamorgan 4
Umpires: T E Jesty and K E Palmer.

Kent v Sussex

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (third day of four): Sussex, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 243 runs ahead of Kent

SUSSEX: First Innings 189 (S Humphries 66, M V Fleming 4 for 24)

Second Innings
M T E Peirce c Marsh b Phillips .. 23
W G Khan st Marsh b Patel .. 72
*C J Adams c Patel b Fleming .. 84
M G Bevan b Patel .. 25
J R Carpenter b Patel .. 0
K Newell not out .. 27
A D Edwards not out .. 4
Extras (b 2, lb 18, w 10) .. 30
Total (5 wkts) .. 265
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-200, 3-202, 4-209, 5-252
BOWLING: Phillips 15-1-38-1; Igglesden 17-1-60-0; Fleming 28-8-61-1, Hooper 23-7-48-0; Patel 23-9-38-3

KENT: First Innings 211 (J D Lewry 4 for 55)
Bonus points: Kent 5 Sussex 4
Umpires: B Leadbeater and J W Holder

Middlesex v Durham

LORD'S (third day of four): Middlesex, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 162 runs ahead of Durham

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 335 (P N Weekes 93 not out, J P Hewitt 53, S J Harmison 4 for 88, M M Betts 4 for 83)

Second Innings
R A Kettleborough lbw b Betts .. 0
J L Langer c Phillips b Betts .. 1
M W Gatting b Foster .. 66
O A Shah b Betts .. 14
D C Nash c Speight b Harmison .. 10
*†K R Brown lbw b Harmison .. 5
P N Weekes not out .. 11
J P Hewitt not out .. 14
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 9) .. 18
Total (6 wkts) .. 139
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-5, 3-29, 4-78, 5-90, 6-118.
BOWLING: Betts 9-3-4-17-3; Wood 8-3-19-0, Harmison 13-4-36-2; Phillips 11-1-37-0, Foster 7-2-22-1.

DURHAM: First Innings
J J B Lewis c Brown b Bloomfield .. 68
M A Gough lbw b Bloomfield .. 38
N J Speak c Brown b Bloomfield .. 0
*D C Boon c Gatting b Hewitt .. 68
P D Collingwood c Weekes b Hewitt .. 66
†M P Speight c Nash b Bloomfield .. 2
M J Foster c Langer b Hewitt .. 6
N C Phillips c Langer b Blanchett .. 16
M M Betts c Brown b Blanchett .. 0
J Wood not out .. 26
S J Harmison c Brown b Bloomfield .. 3
Extras (lb 5, w 4, nb 10) .. 19
Total (104.5 overs) .. 312
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-58, 3-180, 4-202, 5-207, 6-214, 7-267, 8-273, 9-299.
BOWLING: Bloomfield 22.5-0-98-5; Hewitt 26-7-82-3; Blanchett 20-6-52-2; Tufnell 25-11-29-0; Shah 1-0-3-0, Weekes 10-0-43-0.
Bonus points: Middlesex 7 Durham 7
Umpires: J C Balderstone and M J Kitchen

Northamptonshire v Lancashire

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four). Lancashire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 209 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 230 (I D Austin 64, F A Rose 5 for 89)

Second Innings
N Wood b Rose .. 5
*J P Crawley c Curran b Swann .. 109
N H Fairbrother b Taylor .. 37
A Flintoff not out .. 124
G D Lloyd not out .. 20
Extras (lb 14, nb 2) .. 16
Total (3 wkts) .. 311
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-96, 3-262.
BOWLING: Malcolm 14-0-93-0, Rose 12-0-45-1; Taylor 12-2-51-1, Swann 15-1-58-1, Curran 5-2-17-0, Bailey 1-0-6-0; Penberthy 5-1-27-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings
R R Montgomerie c Flintoff b Chapple .. 6
R J Warren lbw b Martin .. 11
M B Loye c Flintoff b Martin .. 149
R J Bailey b Austin .. 19
*K M Curran c Martin b Austin .. 4
A L Penberthy b Martin .. 47
†D Ripley b Austin .. 56
G P Swann b Martin .. 12
J P Taylor c Lloyd b Chapple .. 4
F A Rose c Green b Chapple .. 0
D E Malcolm not out .. 0
Extras (b 5, lb 17, nb 2) .. 24
Total (109.1 overs) .. 332
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-25, 3-64, 4-73, 5-178, 6-304, 7-321, 8-328, 9-329
BOWLING: Martin 28-7-56-4, Chapple 22.1-1-92-3, Austin 22-6-58-3, Green 18-6-52-0; Watkinson 7-1-25-0, Flintoff 12-3-27-0.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 7 Lancashire 5
Umpires: M J Harris and G Sharp

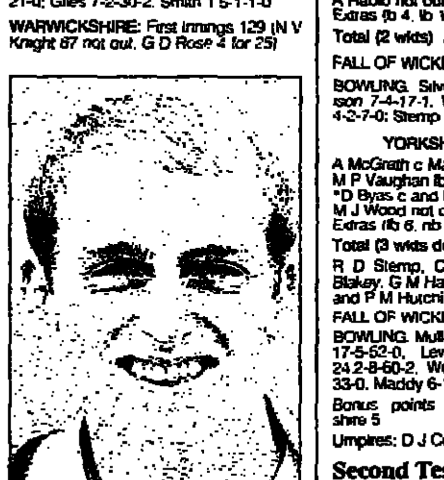
Somerset v Warwickshire

TAUNTON (third day of four): Somerset (24pts) beat Warwickshire (4) by eight wickets

SOMERSET: First Innings 364 (M E Trescothick 98, S C Ecclestone 94)

Second Innings
*P D Bowler c Giddins b Giles .. 10
P C L Holloway not out .. 22
Mushtaq Ahmed b Giles .. 21
R J Harden not out .. 4
Extras (b 8, lb 1, nb 4) .. 13
Total (2 wkts) .. 70
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-50
BOWLING: Giddins 3-0-9-0; Brown 8-2-21-0; Giles 7-2-30-2; Smith 1.5-1-1-0

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 129 (N V Knight 87 not out, G D Rose 4 for 25)



John Crawley: 109

Second Innings
M J Powell lbw b Caddick .. 2
N V Knight lbw b Caddick .. 5
D L Hemp c Bowler b Caddick .. 25
*B C Lara c Turner b Bulbeck .. 21
†K J Piper c Turner b Caddick .. 19
T L Penney c Harden b Mushtaq .. 36
D R Brown b Bulbeck .. 0
G Welch b Bulbeck .. 0
N M K Smith c Bowler b Mushtaq .. 147
A F Giles c Ecclestone b Mushtaq .. 28
E S H Giddins not out .. 0
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 2, nb 8) .. 21
Total .. 304
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-20, 3-43, 4-82, 5-82, 6-82, 7-84, 8-193, 9-283.
BOWLING: Rose 18-5-68-0, Caddick 29-*10-79-4; Mushtaq Ahmed 15.2-3-63-3*, Bulbeck 16-4-70-3; Trescothick 3-1-13-0
Umpires: R A White and P Willey.

Surrey v Worcestershire

THE OVAL (third day of four): Worcestershire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 136 runs behind Surrey

SURREY: First Innings 502 for 7 dec (N Shahid 124, J D Ratcliffe 100, A D Brown 72, I J Ward 64, B C Hollioake 51)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
V S Solanki c B C Hollioake b Tudor .. 0
A Hafeez c A J Hollioake b Saqlain Mushtaq .. 33
G A Hick b Bicknell .. 119
G R Haynes c Ward b Bicknell .. 14
*T M Moody c Shahid b Salisbury .. 22
D A Leatherdale c A J Hollioake b Saqlain Mushtaq .. 9
†S J Rhodes b Saqlain Mushtaq .. 0
S R Lampitt b Tudor .. 43
R K Illingworth not out .. 45
P J Newport c A J Hollioake b Saqlain Mushtaq .. 18
A Sheriyar not out .. 11
Extras (b 3, lb 21, w 2, nb 26) .. 52
Total (9 wkts) .. 366
Score at 120 overs: 311-8
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-72, 3-113, 4-144, 5-155, 6-155, 7-270, 8-284, 9-329.
BOWLING: Bicknell 24-7-61-2; Tudor 11-0-61-2; Saqlain Mushtaq 60-17-116-4; Salisbury 50-19-100-1; A J Hollioake 1-0-4-0
Bonus points: Surrey 7 Worcestershire 5
Umpires: J W Lloyds and A G T Whitehead.

Yorkshire v Leicestershire

HEADINGLEY (third day of four). Leicestershire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 158 runs ahead of Yorkshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 353 for 9 dec (V J Wells 144, P A Nixon 63)

Second Innings
V J Wells c Blakey b White .. 24
D L Maddy lbw b Hutchison .. 3
B F Smith not out .. 35
A Habib not out .. 11
Extras (lb 4, lb 1) .. 5
Total (2 wkts) .. 78
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-43
BOWLING: Silverwood 5-0-30-0; Hutchison 7-4-17-1; *White 3-0-11-1; Hamilton 4-2-7-0; Stemp 3-2-8-0.*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
A McGrath c Maddy b Lewis .. 8
M P Vaughan lbw b Brimson .. 77
*D Byas c and b Brimson .. 116
M J Wood not out .. 52
Extras (lb 6, nb 14) .. 20
Total (3 wkts dec, 91.2 overs) .. 273
R D Stemp, C White, B Parker, †R J Blakey, G M Hamilton, C E W Silverwood and P M Hutchison did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-144, 3-273
BOWLING: Mullally 21-10-53-0; Simmons 17-5-52-0; Lewis 14-2-41-1; Brimson 24.2-8-60-2; Wells 3-0-10-0; Dakin 6-1-33-0; Maddy 6-1-18-0
Bonus points: Yorkshire 6 Leicestershire 5
Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian

Second Test match

Sri Lanka v New Zealand

GALLE (third day of five). Sri Lanka, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are four runs ahead of New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings
B A Young c Jayasuriya b Bandaratilleke .. 46
M J Horne c Kaluwitharana b Bandaratilleke .. 1
*S P Fleming lbw b Dharmasena .. 14
N J Astle c Tillekeratne b Dharmasena .. 53
D L Vettori c Tillekeratne b Bandaratilleke .. 0
C D McMillan b Bandaratilleke .. 13
†A C Parore c Jayasuriya b Dharmasena .. 30
C L Cairns c Jayasuriya b Dharmasena .. 0
C Z Harris c Wickremasinghe b Dharmasena .. 4
P J Wiseman st Kaluwitharana b Dharmasena .. 23
S B O'Connor not out .. 0
Extras (lb 7, nb 2) .. 9
Total .. 193
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-21, 3-90, 4-90, 5-110, 6-137, 7-137, 8-147, 9-190
BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 7-1-20-0, Dharmasena 24.1-4-72-6, Bandaratilleke 38-13-47-4; Muralitharan 23-9-33-0, Jayasuriya 4-1-8-0, de Silva 5-2-6-0

SRI LANKA: First Innings
S T Jayasuriya c Harris b Vettori .. 21
M S Atapattu c Vettori b Wiseman .. 36
D R M Jayawardena not out .. 88
P A de Silva lbw b Vettori .. 10
*A Ranatunga not out .. 33
Extras (lb 8, nb 1) .. 9
Total (3 wkts) .. 197
H P Tillekeratne, †R S Kaluwitharana, M Muralitharan, C N Bandaratilleke, G P Wickremasinghe and H D P K Dharmasena to bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-106, 3-137
BOWLING: O'Connor 4-0-13-0, Cairns 5-0-20-0; Wiseman 16-1-63-1, Vettori 18-3-57-2, *Harris 9-3-23-0; McMillan 7-2-13-0;* Astle 1-1-0-0
Umpires: B C Cooray (Sri Lanka) and D L Orchard (South Africa)

Lawrence departs

THE decision by Gloucestershire to release Syd Lawrence, the former England fast bowler, left him uncertain of his cricketing future. "It was a mutual thing really," he said. "The club and I decided that *second team cricket* wasn't really for me.

"I am match fit but it is too early to say whether I will carry on playing somewhere else. I am not going to go out looking but if someone came to me with an offer I would *consider it seriously.*

"I worked extremely hard to get back to fitness after my knee injury and I wouldn't rule out a move somewhere else, but I would have to sit down and have a long hard think about it first."

Colin Sexstone, *the Gloucestershire chief executive*, said: "It is with reluctance that we have agreed to release David from his contract, but he goes with our best wishes and thanks for a career hallmarked by sheer pace, utter determination and tremendous loyalty to the club.

"The continued form of Jon Lewis and the rapid development of young bowlers James Averis and Ben Gannon has limited David's opportunities of playing first-class cricket."

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SAINT-DENIS: IAAF meeting: Winners: Men: 100m: F Fredericks (Namibia) 10.09sec. 200m: S Keitel (Chile) 20.14. 1,500m: H El Guerrouj (Mor) 3min 32.34sec. 4, J Mayock (GB) 3:37.38. 5,000m: S Hissou (Mor) 12:57.73. 110m hurdles: M Crear (US) 13.35sec. 400m hurdles: S Matete (Zam) 48.90. 3,000m steeplechase: M Kiptanui (Kenya) 8min 15.62sec. Hammer: B Kiss (Hun) 83.00m. Triple jump: D Kaspunn (Russ) 17.21m. Pole vault: J Hartwig (US) 6.00m. Women: 100m: C Arron (Fr) 10.99sec. 200m: F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 22.64. 800m: H Benhassi (Mor) 1min 59.71sec. 5,000m: Z Ouaziz (Mor) 14:42.11; 3, S O'Sullivan (Ire) 15:03.76. 4, P Radcliffe (GB) 15:06.96. *100m hurdles: M Morrison (US) 12.71sec.* 400m hurdles: D Hemmings (Jam) 54.21. High jump: V Veneva (Bul) 1.98m. Javelin: O Ovchinnikova (Russ) 65.13m.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 9 Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 7 Kansas City 1, Oakland 6 Texas 1; Boston 9 Baltimore 1, *NY Yankees 6 Tampa Bay 1; Cleveland 3 Minnesota 2, Anaheim 6 Seattle 2.*

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego 5 Houston 1, Los Angeles 3 St Louis 2, Colorado 5 Arizona 2.

BOWLS

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Gloucestershire 96 Carmathen 146; Somerset 117 Oxfordshire 119.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP. Final day of four: Hove: Kent 394 and 179 (M R Strong 4-45); Sussex 516 and 60-4. Sussex won by six wickets. Final day of three: Abergavenny: Durham 151 (S Hutton 74; R D Lupton 6-32) and 438-0 (M A Roseberry 238 not out, S Hutton 165 not out). Glamorgan 379 (R D Lupton 118, L O Jones 102 not out, I Darwood 51). Match drawn. Worcester: Worcestershire 217 and 264 (C G Mason 125, Parsons 5-67) and Somerset 359 (M Burns 94, C M Wells 84 not out, K A Parsons 77) and 123-9. Somerset won by one wicket. Bristol: Middlesex 229 (U B A Rashid 103, K P Dutch 55, G J Kennis 51) and 227-3 dec (G J Kennis 85, J C Pooley 53 not out). Gloucestershire 250-3 dec (P S Lazenbury 86, R I Dawson 50 not out) and 277-7 (R I Dawson 101, K P Dutch 4-106). Gloucestershire won by three wickets. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 218-2 dec (P R Pollard 126 not out, G E Welton 83). Hampshire 215-4 (D A Kenway 98 not out). Match drawn.

AON TROPHY: Griff and Colton: Minor Counties 150-7. Warwickshire 152-7 (D Leather 4-45). Warwickshire won by three wickets.

OTHER MATCH: *The Parks: Final day of three:* Oxford University 223-8 dec and 270-8 dec (J Fulton 72, D Lockhart 66). MCC 180-1 dec and 316-7 (D P Viljoen 96, D *Capel 63, K L T Arthurton 51). MCC won by* three wickets

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (under-11): Staffordshire 87-8 Leicestershire 88-4

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: 20th stage (Boario Terme-Mendrisio, 143km). 1, G Fagnini (It, Saeco) 3hr 31min 33sec; 2, M Piccoli (It, Brescialat), 3, W Belli (It, Festina). 4, G Colombo (It, Ballan), 5, D Rebellin (It, Polti), 6, A Shefer (Kaz, Asics), 7, F Puttini (Switz, Ros Mary), 8, F Proleti (It, Amore and Vita); 9, P Lanfranchi (It, Mapei). 10, D do Pauli (It, Ros Mary) all at same time. Leading overall positions: 1, M Pantani (It, Mercatone Uno) 95hr 10min 15sec. 2, A Tonkov (Russ, Mapei) at 1min 28sec; 3, G Guerini (It, Polti) 5:11, 4, O Camenzind (Switz, Mapei) 11:32, 5, N Miceli (It, Riso Scotti) 14:23; 6, D Clavero (Sp, Vitalicio) 16:15

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: *Denmark 1* Cameroon 2 (in Copenhagen), Bulgaria 2 Algeria 0 (in Sofia). Finland 0 France 1 (in Helsinki).

Thursday's late results

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER: Group nine: Estonia 5 Faeroe Islands 0 (in Tallinn)

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Morocco 1 Chile 1 (in Avignon)

GOLF

POTOMAC, Maryland: Kemper Open: Leading first-round scores (United States unless stated) 64: F Funk. 66: C Parry. 67: M Weir, J L Lewis, T Armour, C Parry (Aus). 68: D Foreman, J Leonard, J Morse, C DiMarco, J Johnston, M Bradley, W Austin, M O'Meara, R Black, J D Blake, B Quigley, M Small. 69: W Grady (Aus), J Durant, S Hoch, H Sutton, D Hart, J Kelly, S Flesch, B Fabel, P Goydos, T Dodds (Nam), B R Brown, J Parnevik (Swe), O Browne, B Kamm, B Geiberger, E Toledo (Mex), T Pernice Jr. Other score: 70: A Lyle (GB).

EVIAN: Evian Masters: Leading scores after three rounds (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated). 209: P Johnson 70, 70, 69. S Waugh (Aus) 69, 72, 68. 211: C Koch (Swe) 67, 74, 70; L Maritz (SA) 72, 69, 70. A Nicholas 70, 70, 71, M Hjorth (Swe) 69, 70, 72. 212: H Alfredsson (Swe) 70, 69, 73. 213: E Knuth (Sp) 73, 74, 66; L Philo (US) 73, 71, 69; H Dobson 71, 70, 72; D Barnard 68, 72, 73, H Kobayashi (Japan) 70, 70, 73. 214: C Matthew 70, 71, 73, L Hackney 73, 68, 73, P Meunier Lebouc (Fr) 73, 68, 73. 215: S Cavalleri (It) 74, 73, 68, C Dibnah (Aus) 73, 69, 73; L Davies 68, 73, 74. 216: A Gottmo (Swe) 76, 70, 70; K Lunn (Aus) 72, 73, 71. L Fairclough 73, 71, 72, S Dallongeville (Fr) 68, 74, 74, F Pike (Aus) 73, 69, 74; K Icher (Fr) 73, 69, 74. 217: C Sorenstam (Swe) 76, 73, 68; S Gustafson (Swe) 72, 76, 69; C Nilsmark (Swe) 75, 72, 70; S Croce (It) 70, 74, 73; K Pearce (Aus) 73, 71, 73, K Poppmeier (Austria) 73, 71, 73. A-M Knight (Aus) 69, 74, 74. 218: V Michaud (Fr) 69, 77, 72; J Leary (Aus) 68, 74, 76. 219: S Farron (NZ) 75, 74, 70, T Fischer (Ger) 74, 74, 71, J Morley 74, 71, 74. 220: H Wadsworth 76, 72, 72; W Dicks 74, 74, 72; L Kreutz (Fr) 72, 75, 73, S Mendiburu (Fr) 72, 75, 73, L Neumann (Swe) 70, 76, 74, L Lambert (Aus) 75, 70, 75; L Brooky (NZ) 72, 73, 75. R Lautens (Switz) 75, 69, 76. 221: R (US) 76, 74, 71. C Wei (China) 74, 73, 74. K Marshall 77, 70, 74, V van Ryckeghem (Bel) 72, 74, 77. A Alcott (US) 73, 73, 75

LA MOYE, Jersey: Jersey Seniors Open: Leading first-round scores: 69: A Garrido (Sp). *M Slater (Eng). D Snell (Eng)* 71: A O'Connor (Ire). D Jones (N Ire). 72: C Defoy (Wales), B Menne (US). 73: J Rhodes (Eng), S Wild (Eng), M Gregson (Eng)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Conference play-off final: Eastern Conference: Washington 3 Buffalo 2 (OT. Washington win best-of-seven series 4-2)

RUGBY LEAGUE

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Widnes 28 Sheffield 25

STATE OF ORIGIN MATCH: New South Wales 26 Queensland 10 (best-of-three series level 1-1).

RUGBY UNION

WALES (to play Zimbabwe, today). D Weatherley (Swansea), R Rees (Swansea), D James (Pontypridd), M Taylor (Swansea), W Proctor (Llanelli), A Thomas (Swansea), R Howley (Cardiff, captain), D Morris (Neath), G Jenkins (Swansea), J Davies (Richmond), M Jones (Ebbw Vale), A Moore (Swansea), N Thomas (Bath), M Williams (Pontypridd), S Quinnell (Richmond)

SAILING

LYMINGTON: Hoya Royal Lymington Cup: Semi-finals: B Pace (Fr) bt M Jones (NZ) 3-0, C Law (GB) bt G Brady (NZ) 3-1

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Ipswich 63 Poole 27, Swindon 47 Belle Vue 43

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Sheffield 51 Hull 39

SQUASH

SEATTLE: Mercedes Open Grand Prix: First round: S Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt C Nitch (SA) 9-7, 9-1, 9-2; S Horner (Eng) bt K Malor (Aus) 9-0, 9-4, 9-6; S Schone (Ger) bt S Khan (US) 9-1, 9-1, 9-4, L Marsh (NZ) bt P Beams (NZ) 9-1, 9-8, 9-0; C Owens (Aus) bt T Malik (Wales) 9-1, 9-4, 10-8; F Geaves (Eng) bt R Grinham (Aus) 9-3, 5-9, 9-2, 6-9, 9-7; L Chapman (Eng) bt J Martin (Eng) 3-9, 9-2, 9-2, 9-4. C Jackman (Eng) bt R Macree (Eng) 6-0, 9-2, 9-4

SWIMMING

MONTE CARLO: International meeting: Winners: Men: Freestyle: 50m: A Popov (Russ) 22.48sec. 200m: I Thorpe (Aus) 1min 49.56sec, 4, A Clayton (GB) 1:51.94; 5, G Meadows (GB) 1:52.53. Backstroke: 50m: L Krazelburg (US) 26.43sec. 200m: B Bridgewater (US) 2min 0.37sec. Breaststroke: 50m: D Malek (Cz) 28.55sec. 100m: A Korneyev (Russ) 1min 2.71sec. 4, R Maden (GB) 1:03.50. Butterfly: 50m: G Huegill (Aus) 24.20sec. 2, M Foster (GB) 24.38. 100m: Huegill 53.49, 2, J Hickman (GB) 54.10. 400m medley: M Hilke (Br) 4min 22.70sec. *Women: Freestyle: 50m:* J Thompson (US) 25.69sec, 2, S Rolph (GB) 25.78. 100m: J Thompson (US) 56.13sec. 400m: B Bennett (US) 4min 14.[illegible]sec. 5, V Horner (GB) 4:18.61. 7, S Collins (GB) 4:22.01. Backstroke: 50m: A N[illegible]ova (Cz) 29.48sec. 100m: A Kolvisto (Fin) 1min 2.93sec. 5, S Price (GB) 1:05.6. K Jiggins (GB) 1:05.04. Breaststroke: 50m: A Kovacs (Hun) 31.92sec. 200: S Riley (Aus) 2min 28.03sec, 6, L Hindmarsh (GB) 2:33.78. Butterfly: 50m: J Thompson (US) 27.09sec. 200m: M Jacobsen (Den) 2:12.30. 200m medley: J Limpert (Can) 2:16.71. 2, S Rolph (GB) 2:17.88.

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Men: Singles: Semi-finals: C Moya (Sp) bt Mantilla (Sp) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. A Corretja (Sp) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Women: Doubles: Semi-final: L Davenport (US) and N Zvereva (Bela) bt A Kournikova (Russ) and L Neiland (Lat) 6-3, 6-2. *Mixed: Doubles:* Semi-finals: J de Armas(Ven) and F Gonzales (Chile) bt P Lang (Austria) and P Mullner (Austria) 6-0, 6-2; C Ferrero (Sp) and F Lopez (Sp) bt T Cakl (Cz) and J Vrbka (Cz) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4

SURBITON: Powder Byrne Trophy: Men: First round: W Arthurs (Aus) bt L Herrera (Mex) 5-7, 7-6, 7-6; S Sale (Aus) bt B MacPhie (US) 6-4, 7-5; P Tramacchi (Aus) bt A Sa (Br) 6-2, 6-4, S Sumner (Fr) bt M Lee (GB) 6-4, 6-2; C Wilkinson (GB) bt M Sell (US) 6-3, 6-1; B Cowan (GB) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-3, 7-6. Second round: A Hernandez (Mex) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-4, 6-4; K Ullyett (SA) bt A Richardson (GB) 6-6, 6-1, 6-4; A Thoms (Ger) bt E Erlich (Isr) 6-5, 6-2. G Etlis (Arg) bt T Larkham (Aus) 6-1, 6-4; G *Pozzi (It)* bt I Heuberger (Switz) 7-6, 6-2; Arthurs bt Stolle 6-3, 6-4; Tramacchi bt Simian 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; C Wilson (GB) bt B Cowan (GB) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Quarter-finals: Pozzi bt Arthurs 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; Wilkinson bt Tramacchi 6-4, 6-4; Ullyett bt Hernandez 7-6, 3-6, 7-6. Thoms bt Etlis 6-2, 6-2. Women: Second round: D Chladkova (Cz) bt S de Beer 6-3, 6-4, N Pratt (Aus) bt H Crook (GB) 7-6, 6-3; L Woodroffe (GB) bt Abe (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; S Noorlander (Holl) bt P Hernida (Sp) 6-1, 7-5. A Cocheteux (Fr) bt L Ahl (GB) 6-2, 7-6; S Asagoe (Japan) bt S Drake-Brockman (Aus) 6-1, 6-2. S Smith (GB) bt L Latimer (GB) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3. Nechy (Fr) bt E de Lone (US) 6-4, 6-2. *Quarter-finals: Pratt* bt Chladkova 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Noorlander bt Woodroffe 7-6, 6-3. Cocheteux bt Smith 6-2, 6-3; Dechy bt S Asagoe (Japan) 6-1, 6-3

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After a disappointing tour, Gloucestershire's wicketkeeper faces up to life after England

Happy Jack finds light in the shade

ALAN LEE



The torture has relented now, time and preoccupation doing their healing, yet it is apparent in the face behind the Cupinesque moustache and in the voice that speaks repeatedly of "pain". For Jack Russell the most casual reminder of the recent Caribbean tour is an intrusion on private grief.

In most sportsmen, this would seem risible. Nobody died, knives were irreparably damaged; it was not a tragedy, it was the relative commonplace England losing at cricket. Within the mundanities of familiar disappointment, though, lay a tale of a singular man seeing a precious part of his life slip away and knowing that, this time, it was his own doing.

This week, with England beginning a new series against South Africa and Russell's absence raising barely a line of sympathy, let alone the howls of grief that greeted his earlier often unjust, omissions, he was prepared to admit only that his Test career "might be over". Most of us have turned rather more.

Though Russell is four months younger than Alec Stewart the new England captain now has the advantage of authority as well as a place guaranteed by his batting. "Stewie rang me when he was appointed," Russell said. "He told me he would be keeping to start with and let me know where I stood. It was good of him."

Stuart will keep wicket so long as it suits the team and, after that, the selectors will surely look for a younger man rather than return to Russell — especially as the most recent memory of him is so unflattering, the West Indies, Russell was awful. "I let everybody down — myself, the team, the selectors and the spectators."

"It would have been easy for the management to say 'Steve, you keep wicket now', but they kept faith. They could see I was struggling, yet I have never felt such confidence in me. Others was brilliant. He spoke to me a lot more than usual but then I suppose I'd never been in such a hole."

In the workshop of the art gallery in Chipping Sodbury that sustains him, emotionally and financially, Russell paces and frets, marshalling his thoughts. "It was the most painful tour for me because I couldn't do anything right. I tried not to show it, but I don't think I have ever been through so much pain."

The treacherous pitches made life, for a perfectionist wicketkeeper, so unworkable that he took to wearing a helmet. "They affect your rhythm ... it's a battle and you're fighting it all the time, because you're never sure you are in the right place. There's no comfort.

"In Barbados, I suddenly found some comfort, felt good, began to believe it was coming right. Then I dropped Chanderpaul off Tufnell." He demonstrates with his hands, then lets them fall to his side in resignation. "I started to wonder if I'd lost it."

As did we all. Russell knew it, too. He has long since grown accustomed to mockery, but, while his form was good, it never worried him. They would be saying only that he was eccentric, loopy, even a touch mad, but it would be said with a grudging admiration. Now, it came with withering disdain.

Perhaps his keeping had absorbed too much abnormality. "It's the same in everything," he said. "When you are doing well, nobody says anything about your method. When you're not, people start saying you can't do it that way."

It is not that Russell pretends he is conventional. Far from it. "I'm different, aren't I?" he said cheerfully. "I am on a different wavelength, probably to almost all cricketers. But if people say I am mad, it's because they don't understand what I am doing. Everything I do in life has a purpose to it."

Surely not the fuss about his beloved floppy hat? That frayed and battered headgear was abandoned only after an ultimatum, early in the Caribbean tour, that he must wear team issue or go home. Surely a hat can't be critical? Yet Russell came close to leaving the tour over it.

"I stayed because I didn't want to upset the whole tour, but it was a bitter blow. I didn't think it would be a problem because Aileen, my wife, had revamped it, tidied it up. But the mistake people made was in thinking it was superstition. It was a technical thing, all to do with comfort and vision. I'm wearing it again now and it's heaven."

What about his fastidious eating habits? "All done for a reason. I want to give myself the best possible chance and that means being healthy and alert. I'm on something called a zone diet now. My osteopath put me on to it and it works. At the end of the tour, I was drained by the agonies of it, but not physically tired. I was gassed up and bubbly for the start of the new season."



Keeping score: losing the England job saddened Russell, but he is happy to go on playing for Gloucestershire. Photograph: David Burner

While speaking, Russell is drinking one of his daily 20 cups of tea and demolishing a packet of Jaffa cakes. This is a familiar pose. Russell propping up a bar is not. Not any more, anyway. In his recent autobiography, Russell revealed that he had a drink problem in his youth.

"It was dangerous. I look back and wonder what might have become of me, but I badly wanted to be one of the boys and I thought the way to do that was to get drunk. I did it night after night — beer, whisky, sometimes just going along the optics, one by one."

This coincided with Russell's breakthrough in the Gloucestershire side and he recalls more than one entire night spent sitting, alone and glassy-eyed, in hotel lobbies. "I stayed up waiting for something to happen, frightened of missing out on a drink or a joke. It was an addiction."

The sobriety of Russell today — "maybe six halves of shandy a year and a few glasses of white wine" — is combined with a deliberate solitude and jealously guarded privacy, tacit acknowledgement that he was never meant to be one of the boys.

His home is a fortress, his telephone number a closely guarded secret, even to everyone at the Gloucestershire club, even when he was county captain. He lives with his wife and five children, but extended family is actively discouraged. "Only three of my relatives know where I live," he admitted. "I don't want them knocking at the door unannounced. I can't live with it. I need the space, it's just the way I am."

Such antisocial habits are not endearing but they are revealing. There is a sadness to the Russell story, a sense that he has been a cricketing alien who would never win awards for popularity. "I have to deal with that, but it comes down to being misunderstood. People think that because you won't go in the bar, or sit on the beach, or play golf, it means you're not a team man. I can't see that."

Russell has always analysed his own game closely and he extends this to a calculated baiting of the opposition that helps explain the manic nature of his batting and his constant chirping from behind the stumps.

"I'll upset them if I can. I love the psychological side of the game and I have generated ways of getting into the opposition's heads before I face a ball. It's crucial to me to do that and when I hear certain things said — maybe gully calling 'let's get the madman out' — I know I'm dragging them into my net, I'm winning."

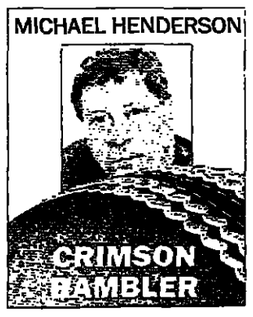
If he is a madman, he is well on the way to being a rich one. A decade of painting has brought him an avid clientele and, in October, his work will be published in a new book, *The art of Jack Russell*. The gallery that he owns with Jim Ruston, his agent, was converted from a derelict 16th-century pub and now also contains three suites of offices, for which Russell collects rent. "I no longer play cricket because I need to," he said. "I do it because I love the game."

Framed on a wall of the gallery is a quotation from Winston Churchill. "Happy are the painters. For they shall not be lonely." Russell, the solitary man, never will be lonely, but he may well be the last in a distinguished line of traditional English wicketkeepers.

"Our keepers are suffering because we're trying to fill gaps elsewhere. The keeper is a match-winner, but what worries me is that we might end up with a guy stood behind the stumps with a baseball mitt."

Hick's flight to the moon eclipsed by falling star

MICHAEL HENDERSON



This is the story of two men who cried for the moon and found that it had no ears. Both were dazzled by the moonlight; one has achieved a measure of fulfilment and the other never will, yet, such is the way of our credulous world, it is he who is regarded as a kind of hero.

Graeme Hick wanted to be a great cricketer and never quite achieved his ambition. Paul Gascoigne wanted to be a great footballer and has ended as a minstrel, croaking out tuneless songs. In case you hasn't noticed, they were in the news last week, as glory was good to ignominy. As it does often, ignominy won.

At New Road, Worcester, the ground that has been his home for the past 15 years, Hick achieved something remarkable. By making his second century of the match against Essex, he reached the 100th hundred of his first-class career. Only Bradman, the greatest of all batsmen, and Compton, the laughing cavalier of a more innocent age, needed fewer innings than Hick's 574.

It was a wonderful story and should have hogged the headlines. Sadly, just as Hick was crossing this threshold, Gascoigne was doing what he does best, having a jolly good blub, after Glenn Hoddle told him what any sensible person knew months ago: he was not fit to go to the World Cup.

This charming man promptly booted the furniture around his hotel room and, in an act of honour that might have earned him a place at the Round Table next to Arthur himself, he arranged a deal, said to be worth £130,000, to tell his tacky tale to an organ of the media that he professes to despise. O brave new world that hath such creatures in't!

For a while, Gascoigne being that most ghastly of things, a celebrity, the world went batty. There was silly talk, from an unnamed "friend", about England without Gascoigne being like a Lennon-less Beatles. Quite apart from the fact that, for what it's worth (and it isn't worth much), McCartney wrote most of the good songs, that is the sort of fashionable nonsense that means nothing.

There were England teams — rather better ones — long before Gascoigne trolled along, belching into microphones and urinating into doctor's hands at medical inspections, and they will be kicking balls around, if not the furniture, when he is food for worms. By the highest standards, those to which he aspired to be judged, he was not even a particularly good player.

Hick was a good player and still is, as his rollicking start to the season confirms. In his own way, he is more talented than Gascoigne — and he is certainly more durable. He has also had his setbacks, but, instead of bawling like an infant in the way that so many footballers do, flattered by lickspittles and fly-by-nights who care little for their better interests, he has come to some sort of pact with life.

This column has not always been well-disposed to Hick, though this is not the time to rake over the old arguments, pro and contra. It is enough to salute his achievement and offer a hearty cheer. The poor chap has suffered too many disappointments in his life for anybody to withhold praise at this happy time.

Gascoigne's handicap was to play a game that indulged him to the point of satiety. Hick was always able to draw comfort from those closest to him, which reveals a good deal about the comradeship of cricket and the more adult demands that it makes of its players. It also reveals an awful lot about the moral squalor of modern football.

Hick, quiet, diffident, uncertain in his public dealings, has proved to be far more interesting than the supposedly more colourful Gascoigne. He is not a "character", does not frequent trendy nightspots and has never courted the company of gilded layabouts. Heavens above, what life could possibly be less interesting than that?

There is still a lot left for Hick to accomplish, not least a World Cup of his own this time next year. He can still make it. He can play for another ten years if he wants, for he knows little beyond cricket and does not seem particularly curious to find out. In the bosom of his extended family at Worcester, he is happy as could be.

Housman, who was born just down the road from Worcester, expressed all that anybody needs to know about early promise and its inevitable consequence when he wrote the lines that should adorn every sportsman's wall: "Early though the laurel grows, it withers quicker than the rose." Hick has earned his laurel. As for Gascoigne, he now knows that, however fair the rose, you can't avoid the pricks.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
11.0, fourth of five, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v South Africa

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first of four, 96 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
ILFORD: Essex v Nottinghamshire
SOUTHPORT: Hampshire v Glamorgan
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Sussex
LORD'S: Middlesex v Durham
TAUNTON: Somerset v Warwickshire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Leicestershire
12.0, first of four 96 overs minimum
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire

FOOTBALL

International match
Tunisia v Wales (at El Menzah Stadium, Tunis, 2.30)

RUGBY UNION

International matches
Australia v England (at Brisbane, 11am)
Zimbabwe v Wales (at Harare, 2.0)

Tour matches
New South Wales v Scotland XV (at Sydney, 5.30am)
Western Province v Ireland XV (at Cape Town, 2.15)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English Open (at Ware)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Stoke v Peterborough (7.0) Premier League Cup: Berwick v Sheffield (7.0)
TABLE TENNIS: National team finals (in Bury St Edmunds)

Tomorrow

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
11.0, fourth day of five, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v South Africa

Axa League
2.0, 40 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Sussex
LORD'S: Middlesex v Durham
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Leicestershire

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB Super League
Castleford v St Helens (3.30)
London v Sheffield (3.0)
Warrington v Bradford (6.35)
Wigan v Salford (3.0)

First division
Dewsbury v Widnes (3.0)
Hull KR v Swinton (3.0)
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Rochdale v Wakefield (3.0)
Whitehaven v Hunslet (3.30)

Second division
Barrow v Lancashire Lynx (3.0)
Doncaster v Bramley (3.0)
Workington v Oldham (3.0)
York v Batley (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: National 25 miles time trial championship (at Ranby, 6am)
GOLF: English Open (at Ware)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Glasgow v Hull (6.30), Newcastle v Berwick, (6.30) Premier League team championship: Newport v Arena Essex v Exeter v Reading (2.30).
TABLE TENNIS: National team finals (in Bury St Edmunds)

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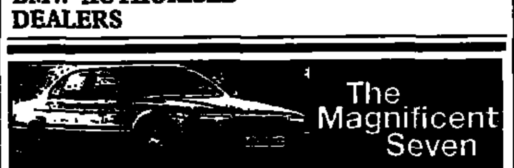
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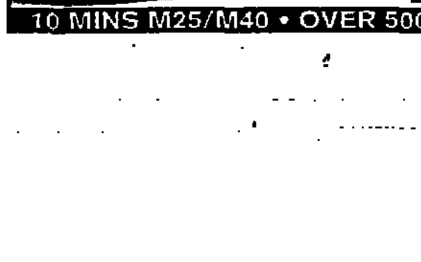
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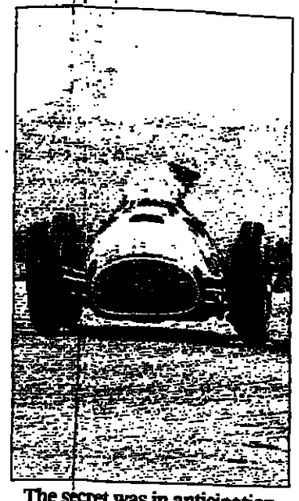
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Cut by a stone thrown up by another car, Toulo de Graffenried ignores the blood running from his forehead as he drives his Maserati 4CL round a hairpin at the 1947 French Grand Prix at Lyon

Klemantastic: portraits of a legend

Louis Klemantaski sat in the summerhouse behind Tosh, his early 18th-century home near Bath and regarded the sundial. The great motor racing photographer made it himself: becoming immersed in sundial lore and using his natural bent for making things.

It is not tremendously accurate, he says, but the house is set at an awkward angle and he miscalculated slightly. He smiled, self-deprecatingly and the white whiskers of his immaculate Imperial twitched in sympathy. The great Enzo Ferrari once said approvingly that it was *aerodinamica*.

The house's full name is The Old School House, and Klemantaski has lived there with his wife Ursula since they moved from London on his final retirement in 1982. Now, at 86, he has finally written his memoirs.

For years he photographed motor racing. He was the Henri Cartier-Bresson of Brooklands, the Norman Parkinson of the Monte Carlo rally. Take any famous grainy black-and-white picture of Prince Chula or Prince Bira, of Fangio, Moss or Hawthorn; conjure up any image of a racetrack Ferrari or Maserati, BRM, or Connaught from the days when a racing car looked like a racing car, and a driver was a recognisable person — and Klemantaski's was almost certainly the eye behind the camera lens.

"In those days," he says, "racing drivers drove by the seat of their pants." That was how he took his photographs too. Now, with drivers backed by battalions of supporting casts and photographs computer-enhanced and generated, he believes that the individuals have become less important.

He had a friend, Rodney Walkerley, of *The Motor*, who "only acknowledged one drink — dry martini" and whose journeys by Ford V-8 coupé were always punctuated by sudden stops to extinguish small fires lit by his ever-present cigarette. Walkerley,



Ballerinas were a subject, too

even then, had a fantasy that one day drivers would become redundant and grands prix would be conducted by remote control.

"And if that were to happen?" I asked Klemantaski. He raised his eyes to the sundial and grimaced. "Klemantastrophe!"

The Klemantaskis were Polish originally but were forced to flee early in the 19th century. His father Jacques was brought up in Hull but left in 1905 to seek his fortune in the city of Harbin, Manchuria. There he established a business exporting soya beans and blue cotton. He was also briefly an agent for Shell Petroleum and for Tar MacAdam, as well as being an enthusiastic amateur photographer. It was in Harbin that Louis was born in 1912.

Little Louis developed a precocious interest in cars and cameras. At the age of eight he visited London for the first time and still remembers being met at Victoria Station by his uncle Maurice's chauffeur-driven Crossley Coupé de Ville. On the same trip he was given a Box Brownie.

In 1922, he was sent to an English prep school in the remote enclave of Wei Hai Wei, a summer station for the British fleet. There he learnt cricket, Latin and Morse code.

In the holidays he learned metalwork and woodwork from a Russian mechanic called Kuzma in his father's car workshop. He also picked up practical hints from a friendly Chinese carpenter, learnt to print sepia pictures in the basement and even took some driving and tyre-changing lessons. There were few cars in Harbin but one had to look out for *isvoschicks* — horse-drawn vehicles that ran on wheels in summer and sleigh runners in winter.

> 'Hawthorn and Fangio were neck and neck, and just laughing'

All this was a perfect preparation for the unusual adult life he was to lead, but at 16 he left his Manchurian idyll and travelled on the Trans-Siberian railway to King's College, London, to read engineering. He was supposedly destined for a career in the city but fate intervened in the form of an organisation called the Junior Racing Drivers' Club. Not only did he join, he also became assistant to the club's chief engineer at their Harrow Road garage.

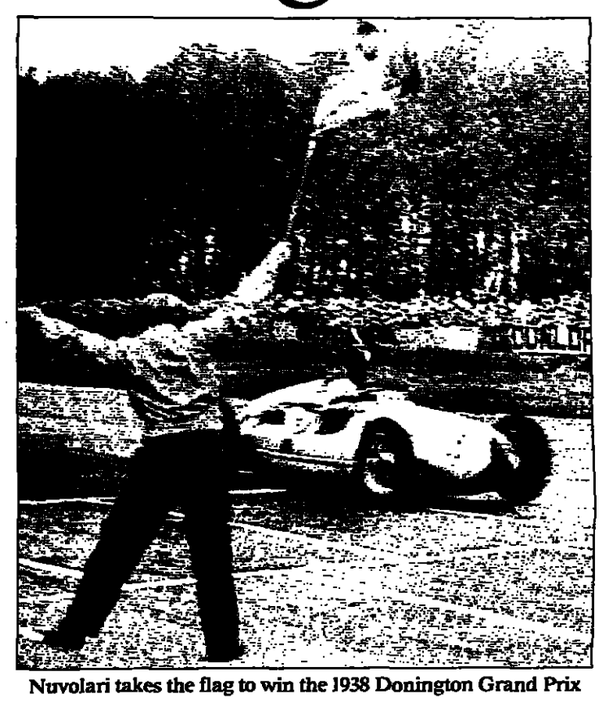
There his mechanical ingenuity proved invaluable. Young drivers wanted all sorts of modifications. One man, he recalls, wanted a special scoop put on his new Le Mans Singer. This would ensure that in rain his passenger would be soaked with spray. The idea was that if the passenger was a girl, the driver would have the perfect excuse for asking her back to his flat to strip and dry off.

It sounds an enchanted time and the City was quickly forgotten in a haze of champagne, pretty girls, trips to the French Grand Prix, the wailing of Rootes superchargers and cars with exotic names such as the Barnato-Hassan Special Eight.

"Yes, those were the days," he says. "But then people always say that when they look back at their youth. Even then there were men at Brooklands who used to shake their heads at me and my friends and say, 'Ah, you should have been here 20 years ago.'"

He became immersed in motor racing in the Thirties and with his Leica ("the Rolls-Royce of cameras") he swiftly became the photographic doyen of the circuit. "The secret," he says now, "was in anticipation." In this he was unrivalled. He augmented his income by taking children's photos and theatrical work, particularly at the London Coliseum. He composed a unique musical photographic portfolio, including a shot of Stravinsky reading Klemantaski's copy of *The Motor*.

At the outbreak of war he sold his Fiat Topolino and bought an 1100cc NSU Fiat with a "beautiful drophead body by Glaser". But he kept failing medicals (leg injured in an accident) and couldn't find work.



Nuvolari takes the flag to win the 1938 Donington Grand Prix

There was an assignment for British Filters, which was experimenting with devices to deal with engine problems in the desert war. It needed someone to develop a 3-D photographic technique to distinguish between different sorts of sand, and Klemantaski proved to be their man. The assignment was short-lived, however.

Then the hush-hush Admiralty Department of Miscellaneous Weapons Development approached him. Despite endless attempts, they were unable to find anyone able to capture the entire trajectory of one of Barnes Wallis's famous bouncing bombs on film. One boffin remembered that there had been "a chap called Klemantaski" who was brilliant at photographing cars at speed. Perhaps he was their man.

He was. And he spent the rest of his war secretly with the DMWD. The years immediately after the war were financially fraught, but gradually the old motor-racing fraternity began coming back into the game, and he got back into the thick of it. He seemed to be the only motoring photographer with a prewar reputation, and before long he began to receive more and more commissions from manufacturers wanting glamorous photographs of their new cars.

These were the years of his greatest success. He participated in races and rallies all over Europe, including the Monte Carlo Rally, and became friends with all the great drivers of the day. Of all these, the most exhilarating seems to have been Peter Collins. With him there was, in 1956, a tour of Sicily covering "671 miles with 16 corners a mile in ten hours". Then the following year, he was in the passenger seat of Collins's Ferrari in the Mille Miglia.

After several years of covering this competition, Klemantaski had a roll of navigational notes 18ft long. It was an incredible drive. At one point he was thrown from the car but came down half inside the cockpit, half on the tail. Collins was driving at speeds of 170-180mph on winding Italian roads. They broke all records by Rome and Siena, but then only 130 miles from the finish the car broke down and they never made it to the finish.

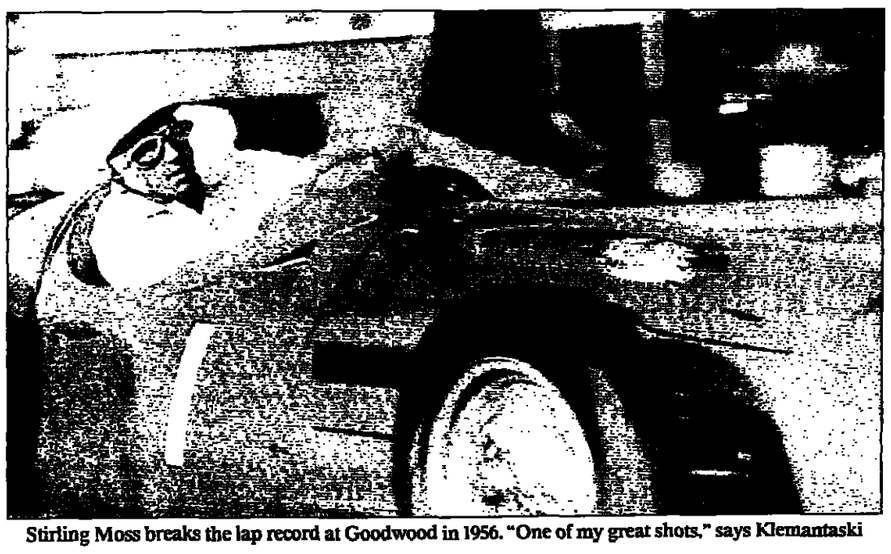
Many years later, after retirement, he sold his entire photographic collection to Peter Sachs (the second half of bankers, Goldman Sachs). It is now housed at Sachs's private museum in Connecticut. Sachs was so enthusiastic about all things Klemantaski that he tracked down the 1957 Collins Ferrari, restored it to its former glory and invited him to be his passenger on a 1996 re-run over as many of the Mille Miglia roads as still remained.

Thirty-nine years after the great race, Klemantaski completed the Italian course once more. He was 83 years old.

And what of racing today? "Oh," he says. "I remember the French Grand Prix of 1953. Hawthorn and Fangio were coming up the final straight neck-and-neck. There was nothing in it. And they were looking across at each other and laughing. [The photograph features in his book.] That couldn't happen nowadays. The whole thing's too serious — and of course they're all millionaires."



Hermann Lang buckles his helmet at the 1938 French Grand Prix



Stirling Moss breaks the lap record at Goodwood in 1956. "One of my great shots," says Klemantaski

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I could have been running drugs across the Straits of Gibraltar or powering towards the survivors of a major maritime disaster, *writes Joe Warwick*. The boat I was in — an RIB (rigid inflatable boat, developed by the RNLI) — is used for both activities.

I was in fact in the Scottish Highlands for the first leg of the Honda-sponsored Round Scotland Challenge — a biannual event for RIBs — on board veteran racer Kevin Goulding's 7.5m, 1¾ ton Scorpion boat *Skookumchuck*. Fortunately, I was following the action in a cruising capacity — doing an average 36knots (40mph) as opposed to the racers' 50knots (60mph). The record for an RIB is 101mph.

The course runs from Oban through the Sound of Mull and the Sound of Sleat to the Kyle of Lochalsh. I was trussed up like a Teletubby with waterproofs, inner and outer layers and a lifejacket, snugly pushed into a bucket seat — a boon once the boat bumps and jumps into life.

The dashboard has an advanced satellite navigation system and we had two cases of beer on board in case of emergencies.

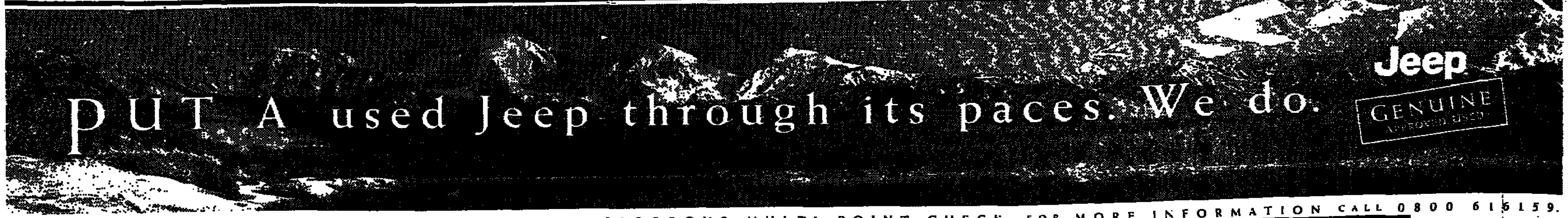
When I got my chance to pilot the boat, I nervously pushed on the throttle and the bow lifted out the water, which reduces water resistance. We started to plane with the bows just clearing the water. The beautifully rugged Highlands rushed past on both sides.

Time sped by, and when I reluctantly handed over the wheel I had a big smile across my face. As one RIB enthusiast I met put it: "I don't know why anybody goes out in anything else. You can't get nervous with a French letter surrounding you."



■ LOUIS KLEMANTASKI will be signing pre-launch copies of his autobiography, *Klemantaski Himself* at the Goodwood Festival of Speed on the Chaters Stand between 10am and 11am next Saturday morning. The book will officially be published by Palawan Press the following week, priced £90 for the standard edition and £500 for the deluxe edition, which is boxed together with an album of his most memorable racing photographs.

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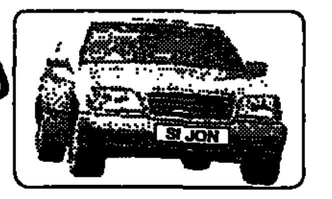
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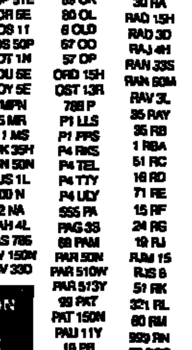
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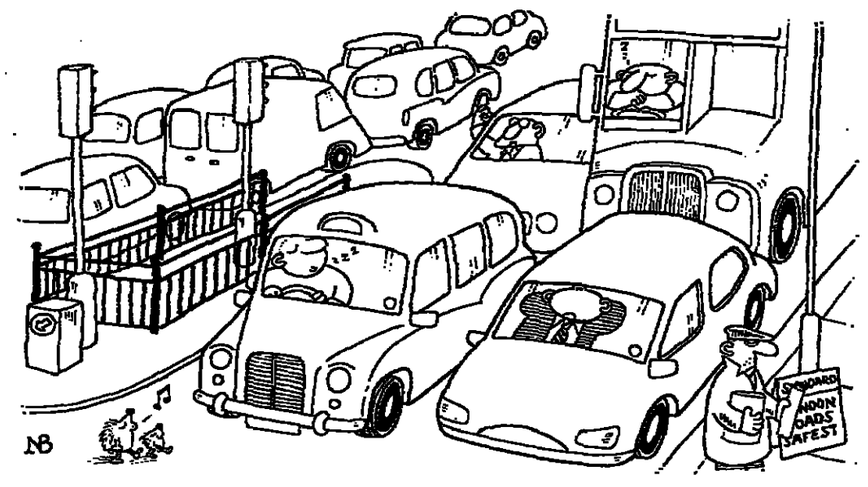
Britain enjoys very safe roads compared with our neighbours, says the EU; but that is because no one is able to drive above a snail's pace any more

Slow death by frustration

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard



Statistics that emerge from the European Union make me selectively suspicious. If they suit my prejudices, I will cite them hither and thither. If they fly in the face of my beliefs, then they have obviously been concocted out of thin air by a bunch of overpaid bureaucrats with too much time on their hands.

So which way are we to jump following a report this week by the EU offshoot, Eurostat, showing that Britain has the safest roads in the Community, and Portugal the least safe? Clearly there is something amiss here, for we all know that every other driver on the roads of Britain is a complete nincompoop who should have never have been given a licence.

Eurostat's survey shows that in 1995 Britain had 64 fatalities on the roads per million people, which is even less than Sweden (65), a lot less than France (145), Spain (147), Greece (195) and Portugal (217). Italy, a country which until now had been thought to issue driving licences only to certified lunatics and unrecovered alcoholics, had a rate of 114, below the EU average of 119.

It is hard to know which is more galling: that Swedes, who by law are obliged to drive Volvos, are more dangerous than the British, or that Italians are less dangerous than the Greeks, whom most British people, having experienced Greece only through holidays on remote islands, imagine travel in vehicles powered by donkey.

There are some caveats to be entered here. The Italians, for example, cannot get off the hook just because Eurostat says so. The reason there are not that many fatalities on the Italian roads is because their pedestrians have developed amazing reactions and supernatural footwork. If you watch an Italian crossing a street in Rome, you would swear he was doing an impression of Gianfranco Zola twisting and turning past opposing defenders.

What has happened in Italy is what happens throughout nature when a new and deadly threat arrives on the scene: the natives have evolved to cope with the new circumstances. Give Italians another thousand years and they will be able to cross a street by flying through the air over the traffic. This conclusion leaves our prejudices intact.

Having injected everyone with a substantial dose of xenophobia so that we all feel better, one must now enter a caveat or two about the British figure. It is a demonstrable fact that roads become safer as traffic becomes slower and boy, is traffic in Britain becoming slower. The other day I saw some clown reversing along a dual carriageway: so slow has our traffic become that it has started going backwards. Few people even realise that the national speed limit in this country is 60mph, except on motorways and where other limits are specified. It is now posible to make quite long non-motorway journeys in Britain without ever reaching 60mph.

Some weeks ago I wrote about a dual carriageway that had slowly had its inside lane hacked off in order to slow traffic and reduce accidents. The limit on that road, and on countless other dual carriageways around Britain, is now 40mph. This means that if you make a long journey by A-roads using single carriageways, dual carriageways and passing through towns and villages, the only stretches where you can travel at more than 40mph are the single-carriageway ones, which are supposedly less safe than the dual carriageways.

Daft, but effective. What makes those single carriageway roads "safer" is that there are no pedestrians on them. They are crowded, but only with cars. And therein lies the source of the final nail in our xenophobic perception that we are safer than other nations. We are not. We are just slower than our neighbours on the continent. Overcrowed roads and obsessive restrictions have made driving in Britain dull and, yes, safe.

For proof, consider the identity, from the same EU report, of the "safest" region in the entire European Union. The Scottish Highlands? Cornwall? No, it is Greater London. Cars nose to tail, cursing drivers, fuming police officers, fascist clampers, busted traffic lights, cones everywhere... but safe? Well of course. What harm can a stationary car do?



Sleek machine: the versatile new Mercedes CLK Cabriolet mixes good looks with ease of driving, but it can be a little cramped, especially if carrying passengers in the rear

Tops in wet and dry

Mercedes's new Cabriolet thinks it is a hard-case, finds **Stuart Birch**

Lecce, described as the Florence of Southern Italy and famed for its weather as much as its architecture, sounded a great base for the launch of a new cabriolet.

In my naivety I had assumed that "famed for its weather" meant days of endless sunshine, a balmy wind off the Adriatic, and traffic-free dusty roads. What it actually meant was a deluge of rain like a dress rehearsal for a tropical monsoon and electrical storms that were among Thor's finest.

So I splashed out, literally, in the Mercedes-Benz CLK Cabriolet, folding hood firmly in place, headlights on, wipers at maximum speed, rear window demister drying the condensation. At times visibility was 100 yards, and speeds above 30mph an adventure.

And then it dawned on me what all this was about. Mercedes, being perfectionists, would not be satisfied with merely showing off their new car in sunny weather. It was an impressive exercise: not a drop of rain seeped in and the CLK felt as snug as its coupé sibling.

After an hour or two, I turned the bonnet-mounted three-pointed star towards the port of Brindisi, and saw a blue sky along the horizon. Within minutes the rain swept away, the sun shone, the roads steamed. It was time to take off the CLK's fabric lid.

This involved the slightly awkward turn of a handle while pushing a safety button to release the roof. Then it was just a matter of operating a switch as the roof elegantly folded itself away beneath a fairing. The CLK was as transformed as the weather.

At speed there was little buffeting and the CLK's reinforced structure felt remarkably rigid. It is not quite as firm as the Mercedes-Benz SLK roadster with its folding hard top, but not far short of it.

Like the SLK, though, the CLK's folding soft top takes a lot of boot space when it is down; squashy luggage is a must. When carrying four people, those in front must sacrifice some space for rear passengers.

On sale this month, Britain gets a choice of CLKs: the 2.3 litre supercharged 230 Kompressor (£36,090) or the very smooth 3.2 litre 320 V6 (£41,140). There are two specification levels: Elegance and Sport, the latter with firmer suspension and some trim differences.

I tried a manual version of the CLK Kompressor but found the gearchange heavy; the auto is much better and can be driven as a clutchless manual. The V6 comes as an auto and is a quiet delight, with a 0-60mph time of about 8.3 seconds and top speed of more than 145mph.

Safety is always a Mercedes priority and the CLK Cabriolet's rear head restraints double as roll-over bars, popping up at "lightning speed" if sensors detect the onset of big trouble.

Behind the headrests on the soft-top stowage compartment cover are two streamlined "airdomes" like those of Mercedes's sports-racing cars of the 1950s.

Together with the two-seat SLK and the new M-class, with its off-road capability, Mercedes hopes the CLK Cabriolet will give the company a younger, trendier image. It will certainly help.



Andy Green: has to break 254.91mph record set in 1959

MG goes for the fast set

In a speed record attempt worthy of boys' action comics, Andy Green, the fastest man on earth, will this summer attempt a new speed record in one of the most evocative of British sportscars, writes *Vaughan Freeman*.

Green will get behind the wheel of what is essentially an ordinary MGF, except that Rover engineers have stuffed a 900bhp engine into a car more usually powered by a 1.8 litre engine of a sixth the power.

Rover has two main aims with its EX255 project which will go for broke on the famed American Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah in August. The first is to set a record for an MG, a record which has stood at 254.91mph since 1959 when Phil Hill broke Stirling Moss's 245.64mph MG record set in 1957. The second goal is to put some hair on the MGF's rather effete chest.

Rover may claim that the MGF has every right to wear the famous MG eight-sided badge, but the truth is that instead of being bought by daring young things in their prime, the car is instead being bought as a weekend runabout by men over 50 desperate to relive past glories.

Nick Stephenson, the Rover Group design and engineering director, says: "I would not pretend for a moment that we do not appreciate the huge coverage we get from speed attempts and that that will help to consolidate the whole image of MG.

"We hope the attempt, and Andy Green's involvement, will make the MGF attractive to a younger audience. We certainly have the marketing benefits in mind."

With half an eye on setting a new MG record, an unofficial team last year ran a near-standard production MGF at Bonneville and reached 217.4mph. Now the record, targeted by the factory team, is in sight.

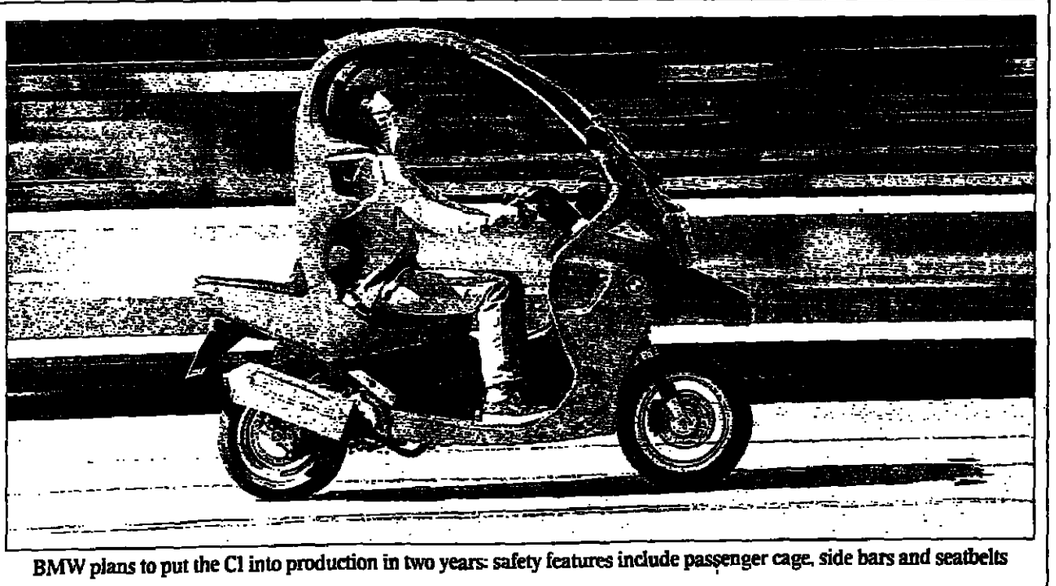
Andy Green needs no convincing about the merits of the MGF. His own car is a silver MGF. How will driving such a small car to a record compare to driving Thrust?

And why the need to set a new speed record only a third of the speed he recorded last year? "There is a fascination about doing something like setting a new speed record. Like mountain climbing, you do it because it is there to be done," Green says.



Under there, apparently, is an ordinary MGF — with 900bhp

Future-bike or big oeuf?



BMW plans to put the C1 into production in two years: safety features include passenger cage, side bars and seatbelts



Plush fascia for a scooter

BMW's answer to city transport could be the nearest thing to going to work in an egg, writes *Stuart Birch*. With its arching safety hoop, twin seatbelts and windscreen complete with wiper, it looks every inch the fanciful concept vehicle that an indulgent automotive giant allows its designers to create on a Friday afternoon.

But the 125cc-engined C1 is serious. BMW plans production within two years and as a taster it allowed a few journalists to ride prototypes at its test track near Munich. As someone who believes all forms of mechanised road transport should have at least four wheels, I approached the C1 with more than a frown.

"Try riding a little Piaggio scooter first," said the people from BMW. So I did. It was wonderful. I said I wanted one. There were amused smiles — or grimaces.

"Now the C1," they insisted. I climbed aboard. BMW's Heidi Osendorfer, one of the few women motorcycle safety engineers in the world, told me: "The C1 is the safest two-wheeler, certainly safer than a bicycle or motorcycle. For a motorcycle, passive safety is with the rider's helmet and protective clothing. With the C1 it is the vehicle itself."

That is thanks to its safety cage (which also gives weather protection), side bars to keep the body and head in place if the machine falls over, and seatbelts. Also the C1 has passed rigorous crash tests, its frame designed to absorb head-on impacts. Sounded good to me.

With Heidi's words of reassurance in my mind, I set off on the great adventure. It was rather like one's first solo flight in an aircraft: not to be forgotten. There was a sharp corner to negotiate immediately: I did so at about 5mph, machine, body and mind all wobbling together, and then I thought, "What the hell, Heidi says I won't be hurt if I fall off and she has an honest face."

So I twisted the throttle, found stability and accelerated to 40mph. Then came a sweeping bend. At 25mph, the superstructure leaning over at 30 degrees made everything seemed top-heavy.

Part of my brain was telling me I was in a car that was about to roll over. But all was well and after a couple of circuits I really quite liked the extraordinary C1. As I completed my initiation I saw someone fall off a C1 at very low speed. He escaped unhurt.

When it comes to Britain in a couple of years it will sell for £3,000 to £4,000. In Germany it can be ridden without a crash helmet. A helmet could create an injury risk in some circumstances, says BMW. In the UK the helmet issue may prove contentious.

Optional extras will include radio and CD, heated seat and handlebar grips, luggage box, and even a satellite navigation system. Initially, the C1 is likely to be a fashion accessory. The test of its viability as town transport will be in year two. C1 and buy one? Maybe.

COMPANY DRIVER LATEST



Heat winner: Dave Pellen

■ ARCHITECT John Peel has designs on the star prize after winning through to the finals of our contest to find the best company car driver in the country, *Eve-Ann Prentice writes*.

Despite his job, though, he found drawing up a plan the most challenging part of last week's *Times*-Lease Plan Company Car Driver of the Year competition. "Finding the best route over time and distance between two places was the most difficult aspect for me," says Mr Peel who works for Thames Water and is based in Reading.

Thames Water's tactic of booking its drivers on a special course before entering the contest paid dividends at last week's regional heat at Shepperton, Middlesex. Mr Peel's team-mate, Andrew Ballsdon, came second in the morning session.

Winner in the afternoon was Dave Pellen, a site engineer for Persimmon Homes South East, based in Weybridge. He and Mr Peel now go through to the final at Silverstone on June 26.

The winner there will take away the title and a VIP trip for two to the Italian Grand Prix in September.

Entrants are tested on a wide range of on and off-road driving skills, including cadence braking between our dreaded cones, and knowledge of the Highway Code.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AB GOVETT UNIT TRUST LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	140.15	149.36	-0.60	..
Do NAV to Jun 19	140.18	140.18		
UK Equity Safeguard	111.53	119.15†	-0.20	2.02
Do NAV to Jun 19	110.61	110.61		
US Eq Safeguard	98.57	102.37	-1.35	
Cash	954.38	959.15	+1.00	5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	421.20	447.90	+8.40	1.43
UK Small Cos	103.60	110.79	-0.05	0.50
FTSE 250 Index	120.76	129.14	+0.10	1.88
Geared UK Index	2665.18	2813.58	-10.00	5.75
Income Funds				
Corp Bd	85.60	88.90		6.03
Monthly Inc	45.60	48.73†	+0.35	7.98
International Funds				
American Gen	330.40	350.40	-4.00	
American Strat	237.13	253.61	-5.83	
JG US Index	2566.84	2704.60	-25.00	4.00
European Gen	447.60	474.00	+9.60	0.08
European Strat	188.02	201.08	+2.62	
Japan Gen	95.36	101.10	-4.40	
Asia Pacific	56.20	58.97	-4.02	1.09
Pacific Strat	87.34	93.40	-4.92	
Greater China	158.10	168.08	-10.17	
Latin America	94.03	100.56	+0.42	
Intl Growth	188.68	201.78	+0.15	0.11
Balanced Emrgt	179.30	188.50		1.70
Global Strategy	49.28	52.69	-0.80	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	980.30	1042.00	+1.00	2.03
General Inc	795.00	845.40	+0.60	2.03
UK Growth Acc	671.60	714.40	+0.30	2.19
UK Growth Inc	421.90	448.80	+0.30	2.19
Higher Inc Acc #	1266.00	1345.00	-2.00	4.12
Higher Inc Inc #	639.80	680.60	-0.90	4.12
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	241.10	256.70	-0.20	5.69
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	98.78	104.30	-0.10	5.69
Nth America	471.70	501.80	-4.60	
Europe	609.80	648.70	+6.50	0.43
Brit Excell	133.30	141.80	+0.30	2.04
Brit Fxd Int Acc	179.40	181.20	-0.10	4.17
Brit Fxd Int Inc	107.70	114.50		4.17
Global Opps	135.70	144.30	-0.30	0.21
Balanced Acc	82.31	87.56	-0.23	2.12
Balanced Inc	74.69	79.45	-0.23	2.12
Japan Acc	30.76	32.72	-0.88	
Pac Basin Acc	240.10	255.40	-16.30	2.62
AXA SUN LIFE FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0117 989 9000				
Discretionary	70.32	74.81	-0.40	
UK Income Inc	87.93	93.48	-0.41	2.15
Extra Inc Inc #	41.91	44.26	-0.11	5.69
High Yld Inc	126.50	136.70	+0.50	2.99
Inc & Gth Inc	119.00	126.30	-0.60	2.32
UK Smaller Cos	54.19	57.65	-0.66	1.57
Pacific Grth Port	29.14	31.00	-2.06	1.00
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	146.90	155.90†	-2.00	5.73
High Inc Equity	252.00	259.50†	+2.40	3.88
Worldwide Bond	277.90	294.70†	-0.40	3.57
American Growth	589.60	629.10†	-1.60	0.22
Asian Pacific	182.60	195.30	-11.70	0.63
Assets & Earnings	402.60	430.60†	-0.10	2.37
Euro Capital Acc	318.60	340.70	+3.70	0.23
Extra Inc	43.27	46.03†	+0.06	9.08
General	360.10	383.10†	+0.10	2.52
Global Opps	84.83	90.24	-0.65	0.35
Japan	73.85	78.98	-2.03	
Managed Inc	56.76	60.38†	+0.25	4.22
Mastertrust	206.60	221.00	-0.40	1.09
US Emerging Cos	236.50	252.40	-2.50	
Ethical	107.50	114.40†	-1.30	1.60
International	160.90	171.20	-0.40	0.58
Dividend & Growth	93.41	99.37†	+0.92	3.53
Global Gwth & Sec	81.07	86.42	+0.21	2.01
Latin America	70.34	74.83	-0.17	0.90
Capital Reserve	156.50	156.80	-0.78	4.46
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	132.10	140.50	+0.80	1.32
Equity Income #	181.00	192.50	-0.20	3.28
Extra Income #	337.30	357.80	+1.40	4.24
Smaller Cos	119.20	126.80†	-0.50	1.42
International	150.70	160.30†	+0.60	0.81
ABERDEEN PROLIFIC UT MGRS LTD				
Enq: 0345 686 686 Dlg: 0800 833 580				
Amer Opp Acc	391.72	411.65	-9.14	
Emrg Mkts Inc	56.39	59.66	-0.31	0.47
Ethical Inc	99.24	105.00†	-0.08	0.60
Euro Gwth Acc	152.55	160.99	+0.70	
Euro Spec Opps Acc	159.56	168.84	-3.71	
Extra Inc Inc	251.34	265.25	-0.66	3.58
Extra Inc Acc	345.84	364.99	-0.90	3.58
FE Emg Econ	68.65	72.64	-5.19	0.93
Fixed Int Inc #	30.99	32.52†	+0.05	7.45
Frontier Mkt Inc	79.98	84.60	+2.17	
Fund Of Inv Inc #	232.26	245.77	-0.67	8.35
Fund Of Inv Acc	500.96	530.10	-1.46	8.35
Gilt Inc Inc #	50.69	52.84†	-0.89	6.60
Global Bond Inc	41.35	43.10†	-0.10	4.82
Global Inc Inc	35.16	38.97	+0.21	3.25
Global Inc Acc	54.03	56.82	+0.33	3.25
High Inc Inc	188.23	199.19†	-0.50	3.49
High Inc Acc	253.86	268.65	-0.67	3.49
Japan Inc	137.64	145.35	-3.30	
Latin Amer Inc	82.97	86.63	+0.69	
Master Inc Inc	69.43	73.46	-0.09	2.35
Master Gwth Inc	64.52	68.27	-0.85	0.34
North Amer Inc	285.23	299.86	-3.44	
North Amer Acc	285.58	300.22	-3.45	
Pacific Inc	49.95	52.85	-2.99	0.24
Prop Share Inc	103.74	109.77	+0.24	1.16
Special Sit Inc	203.14	214.97†	-3.53	0.70
Special Sit Acc	231.43	244.92	-2.56	0.70
Tech Inc	861.03	907.37†	-9.75	
Tech Acc	861.03	907.37	-9.75	
UK Blue Chip Inc	125.16	136.33	-0.52	2.20
UK Blue Chip Acc	155.50	164.11	-0.63	2.20
UK Emg Co Inc	96.33	104.13	+1.58	0.60
UK Gwth Inc	80.22	84.86	+0.36	0.85
World Port Inc #	100.96	106.74†	-1.71	1.79
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2965.00	3082.00	-8.00	
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5968				
Resdl Property #	109.40	116.30	-0.20	5.50
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	118.79	126.04	-0.19	1.69
Income Builder Inc	109.93	116.95†	+0.03	2.78
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	156.90	163.00	+0.20	
Foundn Pers Pens	91.25	94.80		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
American Sm Cos	498.80	529.30	-6.90	
Bond	125.10	131.50	+0.50	6.31
Brit Smlr Cos	128.20	136.40	+0.50	1.80
Europe	475.20	504.10	+7.30	
Euro Smlr Cos	151.70	161.40	+0.50	
High Income #	79.41	84.48†	-0.02	4.68
Income	494.60	526.20†	-4.50	3.38
Japan	257.70	272.40	-8.10	
Latin America	98.70	105.00†	-1.30	
Pacific	63.69	67.75	-3.62	1.19
UK Smlr Cos	76.05	80.90	+0.36	0.90
Japanese Sm Cos	433.30	445.10	-12.60	
Mngd Fd	274.00	290.50	+0.30	1.89
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Bnt & Discs	464.00	490.60	-2.00	0.71
Capital Gwth	189.80	200.50	+2.50	2.10
Wwide Opps	259.60	274.60	-1.20	0.80
BARCLAYS FUNDS LTD				
Customer Help Desk 0181 522 4009				
Income Funds				
Cash	101.00	101.00	+0.10	6.71
Cash Acc	134.50	134.50	+0.10	6.71
Income #	811.10	865.20	+4.30	3.41
Income Builder #	92.29	98.29	+0.02	3.99
Balanced Funds				
Exempt	124.60	132.60†	+0.30	1.02
500	840.10	888.30	+4.00	1.33
General	470.90	502.90	+2.00	1.08
Property	268.90	284.50†	+0.10	5.96
Trustee	329.90	352.20	+1.20	1.16
Growth Funds - UK				
Capital	212.30	226.70	+0.80	1.19
FTSE 100	150.50	159.70†	+0.50	1.40
Growth Acc	655.10	696.90	-1.70	1.06
Smaller Cos	73.79	78.70	-0.05	1.56
Smaller Cos Acc	88.67	94.79	+0.07	1.56
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	266.80	281.70†	-2.30	
American Growth	181.90	192.60	-1.10	
Japan	86.35	91.16	-2.23	
Japan Acc	87.34	92.21	-2.26	
Japan Spec Sits	39.77	42.09	-1.02	
Worldwide	244.80	259.60		0.53
Barclays Investment Portfolios				
Managed Income	50.34	52.08†	+0.10	6.46
Mgd Gwth & Inc #	50.94	53.94	+0.11	5
Managed Growth	53.87	57.27	+0.19	0.60
Barclays Global Investors Funds				
Brokerline 0800 825 262				
Income Funds				
Distribution #	142.20	142.90†	+0.70	4.62
Equity Income #	196.70	209.80	+0.40	3.47
Gilt & Fx Int	64.79	67.07†	+0.12	6.69
Intl Fxd Int	102.10	105.50	-0.40	4.74
Intl Fxd Int Acc	132.30	136.80	-0.40	4.74
Growth Funds - UK				
UK Growth	610.10	649.00	+2.50	1.09
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Growth & Inc	619.90	659.50†	+1.90	1.14
Growth & Inc Acc	1348.	1435	+5.00	1.14
Growth Funds - Overseas				
Euro Growth	318.10	336.60	+4.20	0.45
Euro Growth Acc	346.30	366.60	+4.60	0.45
Far Eastern Gwth	91.60	97.45†	-5.95	0.92
Far East Gth Acc	158.90	166.90	-8.80	0.92
Customer Service Centre (0800) 783457				
10 Stk Mkt Gth	100.35	100.80		
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	213.20	225.00	-0.80	
Amer Smllr Cos	168.10	178.20	-5.80	
Eastern	132.10	143.20	-8.20	0.30
Equity Income #	137.20	146.30†	-0.30	3.60
European Growth	690.10	733.00†	+9.70	0.40
Europe	582.90	622.60†	+6.60	0.50
German Growth	176.40	186.90	+3.30	0.50
Global Bond	78.84	80.86	+0.08	5.10
Global Growth	219.60	233.00	-0.50	0.10
Japan Growth	108.30	114.50	-2.00	
Japan Sunrise	77.33	81.82	-1.64	
Korea Trust	23.94	25.97	+0.57	
Portfolio	201.80	214.80	-0.50	1.80
-do- Accum	391.60	417.10	-1.10	1.80
UK Growth	160.10	170.70		1.20
UK Smaller Cos	167.20	180.60†	+0.10	1.10
Select Managers	108.90	116.20		1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	113.20	120.40	-2.10	
Special Opps Inc	56.24	59.83	+0.41	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	213.91	222.82	+1.61	0.50
-do- Accum	253.84	264.42	+1.91	0.50
Smaller Cos	232.47	242.16†	-0.21	0.04
-do- Accum	264.37	275.38	-0.24	0.04
Higher Yield #	80.68	84.04	+0.67	3.24
-do- Accum #	133.79	139.37	+1.12	3.24
American Gth Inc	150.94	157.23	-1.67	
European Growth	270.78	282.06	+3.85	
-do- Accum	276.58	288.10	+3.93	
Mngd Ptflio Inc	67.30	70.11	-0.19	1.30
-do- Accum	70.86	73.82	-0.20	1.30
Intl Spec Opps	233.12	242.83	-2.22	
Pacific Gth	90.86	94.65	-5.59	0.89
UK General #	141.91	147.82	-0.31	2.28
-do- Accum #	158.25	164.85	-0.34	2.28
Japan	37.28	38.84	-0.86	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	112.47	116.55†	+0.28	6.95
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	84.87	85.64	-0.30	6.37
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Eastern	262.90	276.70†	-3.20	1.10
UK Growth	311.70	328.10	-0.10	1.21
UK Income	210.10	221.30	+0.10	3.19

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	317.80	336.90	+1.80	1.01
-do- Income Dist	179.60	190.30†	+1.00	2.66
-do- Accum	612.10	648.80†	+3.50	2.66
Gilt & Fxd Int	45.00	47.32	-0.01	4.59
Growth Units	381.40	407.30	+2.10	1.42
Bond	195.40	205.60	+0.20	5.70
Intl Growth	263.60	280.30†	-0.60	0.26
North American	371.10	393.60	-1.80	
Far East	150.40	160.90	-13.00	1.32
UK Smaller Cos	333.80	357.00†	+3.00	0.81
European	150.30	160.02	+1.70	0.40
Japanese Growth	27.19	28.70	-0.35	
High Income	317.00	338.40	+1.70	2.58
Eurogrowth Plus	264.33	281.20†	-2.08	0.08
Portfolio	108.32	115.23†	+0.48	1.04
UK Income Inc	134.07	142.63	+0.52	3.31
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	328.30	347.20	-3.30	
European Inc	168.20	178.50	+1.90	0.01
Smaller Cos (4-1)	135.50	144.20	-3.40	1.39
Growth	807.70	859.30	-8.90	1.57
Income & Growth #	661.70	704.00	-4.40	3.81
-do- Accum #	1053.50	1120.60	-7.20	3.81
Japan & Gen	44.72	47.24	-1.79	
Harrogate Gwth	1692.00	1763.00†	+9.00	1.20
-do- Accum	2137.00	2227.00	+10.00	1.20
Special Sits	187.50	199.50	-1.80	1.50
High Yield	2129.00	2195.00†	-6.00	3.34
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	128.77	136.88	+0.41	2.10
American Portfolio	184.68	195.51†	+0.21	0.47
European Portfolio	232.87	247.27	+1.49	0.26
High Income	56.74	59.71†	-0.11	6.29
Japanese Portfolio	43.37	45.93†	-1.28	
Pacific Portfolio	96.79	104.08†	-7.19	1.36
UK Equity	132.37	141.15	+1.17	2.53
UK Equity & Bd	73.59	78.01	-0.03	4.89
UK Smlr Cos	66.68	71.32	+0.10	1.61
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	1062.92	1078.88	-24.43	3.22
Inv Fd Acc	1115.77	1132.63	-13.88	
Fxd Int Sec Inc	168.46	169.14	-1.94	7.57
Fxd Int Sec Acc	187.07	187.81	-1.37	
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	1032.99	1048.61	-0.94	3.32
Investment Acc	5055.62	5132.02	-4.61	
Fixed Int Inc	138.51	139.07	+0.57	7.48
Fixed Int Acc	285.54	287.88	+1.17	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Beckman Intl	103.49	108.85	+0.52	5.68
Beck Bio-Tech	38.83	42.07†	-0.34	
Acorn Ethical Tst	230.41	245.12†	-1.52	0.50
Cov Fin Assets	101.14	106.21†		2.66
City Fin Intl	93.54	99.51†	+0.84	
Friars Hse Cap	446.89	475.20		2.07
Buckley Yield Grth	139.74	148.12		
Liquidity Fd	95.15	97.07†	+2.60	2.88
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	45.35	48.12	-1.66	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	112.74	119.94	-0.56	
Dragon Growth	38.25	40.90	-2.12	2.29
Equity High Inc #	132.25	139.94†	-1.36	3.94
-do- Accum #	202.24	214.01	-0.31	3.94
Extra Income Inc	29.74	31.32	+0.08	5.40
Extra Income Acc	35.44	37.31	+0.08	5.40
European Gwth	113.20	119.79	+1.75	
Evergreen	41.38	44.25	-0.41	
General Equity	155.26	163.86	-0.29	1.82
Japan Growth	30.30	32.23	-0.87	
Pedigree Gwth	100.78	106.64	+0.30	1.21
Pnsl Sm Cos Inc	53.75	56.86†	+0.46	0.87
-do- Accum	58.12	61.50	+0.50	0.97
Retirement Inc #	38.45	40.90	-0.28	4.35
Special Sits	66.94	71.98	+0.23	1.86
UK & Overseas	78.11	82.66	-0.17	0.25
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	93.80	97.76	+0.12	2.85
Capital	120.45	125.46	+0.13	1.55
High Income	58.05	60.46†	+0.06	6.29
Top 50	86.83	90.44	+0.40	1.57
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	275.07	286.58	+1.34	3.54
Long Gilt	53.84	56.05	+0.25	4.62
Monthly Inc Plus	63.68	66.34	+0.35	6.75
-do- Accum	79.35	82.57	+0.43	6.75
Preference Share	63.30	65.94	+0.57	5.91
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	191.89	199.91	+4.60	4.82
Managed Fund	93.58	97.49	-0.41	2.18
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	61.09	63.64	+0.25	1.33
-do- Accum	73.67	76.75	+0.31	1.33
UK & General	139.24	145.06	-0.26	1.87
-do- Accum	187.73	195.57	-0.36	1.87
UK Growth	276.69	288.25	-0.75	1.36
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	378.02	393.81	+4.90	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	81.77	85.19	-4.10	0.33
Global Bond	72.53	75.58	-0.27	5.07
Japan Growth	77.32	80.55	-2.19	
North Amer Gth	352.39	367.11	-3.14	
Oriental Growth	47.37	49.35	-3.22	0.99
Worldwide Growth	94.50	98.45	-0.41	0.26
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.35	92.35	+0.10	6.79
Homemaker Fund	114.65	121.98	-0.10	1.88
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Consistent UT	48.46	51.71	-0.06	2.49
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	231.00	245.50†	-0.30	1.56
UK Eqty Inc	99.40	105.74	+0.56	3.230
European Growth	124.40	131.60	+1.40	
UK Spec Sits	264.40	281.30	-0.20	1.69
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1403.60	1423.00	..	3.03
CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	114.40	121.20	+1.60	0.26
Fellowship Tst	145.60	154.80	-0.30	0.87
Income #	390.20	415.10†	+0.50	3.32
-do- Accum #	1095.00	1164.00	+2.00	3.32
Smaller Cos	297.70	316.50	+0.30	0.59
-do- Accum	373.10	396.90	+0.30	0.59
Gilt Portfolio	140.90	149.80		1.01
Mthly Inc Port #	115.70	123.00	-0.30	3.17
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 479 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1978.70	2008.30	-8.00	0.47
UK Small Cos	2683.40	2801.10	+1.30	3.16
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	318.60	328.50†	+1.90	2.09
DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Dealers 0171 956 7354 Client Helpline 0800 317573				
Formerly KBUT				
Amer Smlr Cos	226.55	241.01	-1.94	
Asian Growth	147.53	156.94	-9.26	0.38
Bond Income	111.59	115.60†	-1.16	6.22
European	326.51	347.35†	+3.94	0.12
European Priv	162.35	172.71	+1.73	0.68
European Special	248.44	264.29	+2.91	
Gilt Yield	137.54	138.77	-1.67	6.10
Global Eqty Inc	155.60	165.13	-0.13	1.39
High Yield #	227.54	242.06	-0.28	3.95
Japan	265.00	281.56	-7.57	
Japanese Special	126.72	134.80	-0.67	
Money Market	105.01	105.01	+0.10	5.98
North American	167.09	177.69	-0.33	
Smaller Cos	195.91	208.41†	+1.09	0.76
Smlr Cos Div	82.96	88.25†	-0.09	4.76
Tomorrow Co Ex	1386.00	1406.00	+4.00	0.11
UK Equity Growth	71.45	76.01	+0.73	0.11
UK Index Inc	488.65	491.10†	+3.10	2.54
Global Income	272.22	289.58	-0.64	
Formerly Thornton				
European	559.17	585.51	+8.43	0.32
Europe Bd	39.97	41.60	+0.10	8.94
Exempt	996.75	1036.65	+9.13	1.83
Global Em Mkts	69.59	72.86	-0.35	0.51
Japan Tst	57.28	59.97†	-1.75	
Little Dragons	58.48	61.23†	-3.77	
Nth Amer Gwth	451.81	472.47	-5.84	0.54
Oriental Income #	32.67	34.20	-0.99	3.79
Preference	160.58	168.14	+1.63	7.63
Tiger	155.36	162.68†	-7.33	
UK Blue Chip	124.05	129.89	+2.51	1.11
UK Growth	962.97	1008.34	+9.54	1.30
UK High Yield #	164.45	172.19	+0.68	3.99
UK Mid-Cap	520.12	544.62	+6.90	1.11
UK Smlr Cos Div #	102.90	107.74	-0.27	5.21
UK Smlls Cos	174.71	182.94	+0.49	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 926				
European	101.90	107.90	+1.80	
Financial	86.15	91.53	-1.00	1.09
UK Growth #	420.80	447.10	+3.70	1.96
UK Income #	250.50	266.20†	+1.40	3.19
International	508.20	539.30	+3.90	
Intl Cap Inc	134.00	143.00		1.89
Latin American	32.27	34.29	-0.32	
Mgd Gwth Port	113.90	119.00	+0.40	0.59
Pacific	56.85	60.40	-3.66	
Pref High Inc	28.30	30.09	+0.04	5.99
Tokyo	132.90	140.50	-2.40	
UK Smaller Cos	351.50	373.50†	+5.90	0.94
Japan Sm Cos	221.50	234.60	-1.30	
Nth Amer	629.80	665.60	-5.90	
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Growth Acc	370.80	390.30	+0.20	0.16
Income	724.90	763.00	+3.70	4.07
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	279.50	297.30†	-2.30	0.97
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	156.57	164.81	+3.16	1.16
Ethical Tst	63.90	67.26	-0.12	0.68
Far Eastern	196.78	207.12	-9.36	2.12
High Income	202.30	212.95†	+0.94	3.36
UK Index Trckng	76.80	80.84	+0.82	2.09
Intl Growth	145.87	153.55	-1.33	1.34
North American	212.12	223.28	-2.32	1.32
Pelican	206.63	217.51	+1.54	2.29
Smaller Cos	92.06	96.91	+0.33	1.53
Special Sits	111.09	116.94	+0.32	2.34
Tst of Inv Tsts	280.05	294.79		1.33
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	206.30	217.83	-2.51	
Fd of Inv Tsts	71.94	76.33	-0.45	0.10
High Income #	52.29	55.45	-0.08	9.02
Wam & Gl Opps	68.73	73.54	-1.18	
Zero Preference	52.71	55.93†	+0.09	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 724 570				
Family Asset Tst	143.30	152.40†	-1.40	1.70
Charities Eth	404.10	429.80†	+8.80	2.06
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.90
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond ‡	28.30		-0.08	4.81
Strategic Inc	31.70	33.14†	+0.08	5.09
Income Funds				
High Income	34.51	36.18†	-0.10	4.34
Income Plus #	198.90	211.50†	-1.40	3.61
European Income	80.22	85.23	+0.52	1.07
Moneybuilder Gwth #	45.81	47.15	-0.19	2.84
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	21.61	23.06	-1.80	
American	486.30	516.00	-7.20	
Amer Spec Sits	245.50	261.00†	-5.50	

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Japan Smaller Cos	17.55	18.63	-0.21	
European	389.50	414.20	+4.10	0.26
European Opps	150.40	159.80	+2.00	0.35
Global Port	48.94	52.04	+0.46	0.16
UK Growth	186.20	198.00	+2.20	0.98
Growth & Inc #	267.00	283.90	+1.10	2.80
Intl PEP	69.580	73.990	+0.02	0.93
Japan Spec Sits	55.56	58.88	-1.20	
Japan	136.40	144.40	-5.00	
Managed Intl	494.50	525.20	-1.20	0.57
Moneybuilder Plus	89.68	90.32	-0.59	0.29
Recovery	82.560	87.790	-0.89	2.09
South E Asia	125.80	133.90	-6.20	1.56
Special Sits	1130.00	1202.00	+12.00	0.94
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	125.71	125.71	+0.13	6.90
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	185.00	186.60	-1.30	1.47
Finsbury Pfl Inc #	117.60	118.50†	+0.50	5.15
Cap Pfolio	218.10	219.50	-0.30	0.23
General Opps	188.90	190.10†	+0.50	2.73
Growth Inc	55.55	56.30†	+0.52	0.98
Private Portfolio	657.50	662.60	-0.70	1.18
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	258.70	275.00	-0.80	
High Income	24.28	25.79†	-0.06	8.72
UK Smlr Cos	40.28	43.08	+0.34	1.59
US Smaller Cos	585.10	621.00	-0.30	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	123.30	130.40	-0.60	
-do- Accum	123.30	130.40	-0.60	
Amer Smlr Cos	855.40	910.20	-11.10	
-do- Accum	873.90	929.90	-11.40	
Capital Tst	518.00	551.10	-5.60	1.26
-do- Accum	773.70	823.10	-8.20	1.26
Cont Smlr Cos	96.92	103.30†	+0.80	
-do- Accum	104.00	110.80†	+0.80	
Convertible	173.00	184.00	-0.30	5.83
-do- Accum	402.10	427.80	-1.00	5.83
Emerging Markets	54.19	57.90	-1.50	0.07
-do- Accum	54.68	58.40	-1.58	0.07
European	257.20	272.30†	+2.20	
-do- Accum	273.50	289.50†	+2.30	
Extra Income	554.70	590.10	+0.40	3.99
-do- Accum	923.90	982.90	+0.60	3.99
Financial	301.20	320.20†	-0.30	0.38
-do- Accum	323.70	344.10†	-0.50	0.38
Gilt Trust	64.22	66.21	-0.25	6.89
-do- Accum	108.70	112.00	-0.40	6.89
Health Fund Inc	284.50	302.70†	-8.80	
-do- Accum	284.50	302.70†	-8.80	
Income & Growth	315.90	336.10†	+0.70	3.77
-do- Accum	532.50	566.50†	+1.00	3.77
Intl Growth	548.40	580.70†	-1.40	
-do- Accum	606.80	644.90†	-1.40	
Japan & Gen	109.80	116.10	-2.30	
-do- Accum	110.90	117.20	-2.30	
Monthly Inc #	280.00	297.90†	+0.50	3.61
-do- Accum #	296.70	315.60†	+0.60	3.61
Managed Port Inc	148.40	157.30	-1.80	1.52
-do- Accum	166.40	175.20	-2.00	1.52
Quarterly Income #	73.99	79.11†	+0.40	4.81
-do- Accum #	91.17	97.48†	+0.50	4.81
UK Growth	91.01	96.82†	+0.75	1.20
-do- Accum	101.80	108.30†	+0.80	1.20
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	92.36	98.15	-0.58	
FP Am Smllr Cos	229.50	244.80	-8.80	
FP Asian Growth	134.70	143.60†	-11.80	
FP Australian	400.50	427.20	-29.40	
FP Equity Dist	655.60	699.30†	+4.40	1.36
-do- Accum	1508.00	1608.00	+10.00	1.36
FP Euro Gth	524.90	559.80	+6.30	
-do- Accum	575.00	613.30	+6.80	
FP Intl Bond	58.99	62.42	-0.21	3.90
FP Intl Gth Dist	51.59	55.02	+0.01	
-do- Accum	76.05	81.12	+0.02	
FP Pac Basin Acc	149.70	159.60	-9.40	0.19
FP Income #	81.71	87.15†	-1.98	3.85
-do- Accum #	309.20	329.80	-2.00	3.85
FP Jap Smllr Cos	158.20	166.60	-5.30	
FP Monthly Dist #	95.54	101.90†	-0.70	4.43
FP Stg Deposit	100.90	100.90	+0.10	6.44
FP Tokyo	59.85	63.84	-2.48	
FP UK Focus	61.11	65.18	+0.27	0.94
FP UK Growth	289.60	308.90	+0.70	0.87
-do- Accum	600.80	640.80	+1.30	0.87
Stewardship Dist	576.00	614.30†	+5.10	1.10
-do- Accum	742.20	791.60	+6.60	1.10
Stwrdshp Inc Dist #	89.25	95.20†	+1.06	4.01
-do- Accum #	132.40	141.20	+1.60	4.01
Stwrdshp Intnl	189.40	202.00	+0.80	
-do- Accum	203.90	217.40	+0.80	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical Inc #	144.00	144.70†	-0.80	2.29
Inst Ethical Ac #	149.80	150.50	+1.40	2.29
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	170.30	181.10†	-1.60	0.44
Opps Cap Gth Acc	169.20	180.00		
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	149.70	158.20		2.35
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	164.00	174.40	-0.10	2.35
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	154.80	164.60		3.18
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	172.50	183.50		3.18
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 186/7				
GANDA	426.30	448.70†	+1.60	1.04
Cash	49.51	50.26†	+0.05	6.34
Income Portfolio	95.76	100.80†	-0.30	2.25
GA Equity Gth	314.90	335.00	-0.60	0.82
GA European Gth	221.50	234.70	+3.00	
GA Japan Gth	70.32	74.38	-2.97	
GA Nth Amer Gth	354.00	372.60	-2.90	
GA Intl Gth	161.80	171.70	-0.10	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8427				
American Smlr Cos	276.40	297.40	-1.80	0.11
European Gth	1180.00	1231.00	+11.00	0.13
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	70.06	74.14	+0.52	2.50
-do- Accum	82.37	87.16	+0.60	2.50
High Yield #	56.80	59.79†	+0.10	6.55
-do- Accum #	69.28	73.19	+0.12	6.55
Income Inc	273.40	292.50	-0.40	2.92
-do- Accum	327.30	350.10	-0.40	2.92
Intl Growth	436.00	481.60	-4.60	1.79
Intl Income	134.50	142.30†	-2.60	1.79
Japan Growth	380.30	403.20	-5.70	0.03
Orient Acc	111.60	119.10	-6.80	0.25
UK Blue Chip Inc	279.30	298.20	+2.30	1.02
UK Blue Chip Acc	507.10	541.40	+4.20	1.02
UK Sm Cos Dev Acc	100.90	108.00	+1.20	1.08
US Growth	275.20	290.90	-2.30	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	85.90	91.54	+0.44	1.28
Practical Inv Inc #	160.29	171.43	-1.54	2.81
-do- Accum #	400.26	428.09	-3.86	2.81
UK Index	260.86	261.97	+0.84	2.27
UK Smaller Cos	316.58	338.59	+0.34	0.99
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	26.84	27.81	+0.23	6.80
High Income	49.61	52.87†	-0.06	3.63
UK Growth & Inc	227.67	243.65	-0.48	2.80
Global Bond	28.21	29.24	-0.04	5.47
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	40.61	43.43	+0.01	
Global Managed	175.13	185.73	-0.75	0.94
Gold & Intl Res	71.83	76.82†	-3.20	
Global Utilities	224.55	239.19	+4.32	1.24
Overseas Funds				
American	275.26	291.27†	-3.95	
European	231.82	246.43	+1.91	0.43
Euro Sel Opps	384.98	409.37	+3.81	
Amer Emerging	218.80	232.59	-4.52	
Hong Kong	101.77	108.91	-5.40	3.87
Japan	131.83	139.37	-3.80	
Pacific Growth	123.63	132.22†	-7.81	1.35
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	158.50	158.50	+0.17	6.77
Managed Equity	337.10	337.10	+0.72	1.39
Long Term Bal	350.35	350.35	+0.51	2.31
Med Term Bal	267.46	267.46	+0.67	2.76
UK Equity	432.51	432.51†	-0.11	1.14
UK Emerging Cos	229.28	229.28†	-1.26	1.61
American	466.02	466.02	-5.08	0.24
Japan	82.48	82.48	-2.14	
European	597.08	597.08	+5.87	0.76
Index Linked Gilt	225.47	225.47†	+1.12	2.35
Fixed Interest	214.45	214.45†	-0.19	6.12
Amer Emergns	491.33	491.33	-6.65	
Pacific	111.37	111.37†	-6.98	2.10
Emerging Mkts	118.84	118.84	-0.90	1.23
Index Strat Japan	87.36	87.36	-2.25	0.50
-do- Pacific Rim	100.68	100.68	-6.64	4.07
-do- Cont Europe	323.01	323.01	+3.81	1.13
Index Strat USA	295.88	295.88	-1.88	1.01
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	159.46	169.83	+0.35	
Med Term Bal	137.73	146.51	+0.32	
Long Term Bal	158.37	168.48	-0.23	
UK Equity	202.56	215.49	-0.08	
UK Emerging Cos	108.45	115.37	+0.62	
American	216.92	230.76	-2.55	
Japan	39.47	41.98	-1.10	
European	249.32	265.23	+2.57	
Fixed Interest	112.00	119.15	-0.12	
Index Linked Gilt	100.96	107.40	+0.52	
Deposit	96.58	102.74	+0.20	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	192.25	202.37	+0.20	0.42
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Intl Gwth Inc ‡	936.05	..	+4.15	
-do- Accum ‡	1062.51	..	+4.71	
European Gth Inc ‡	259.55	..	+0.80	0.23
Amalgam Inc	210.65	222.15	-4.10	
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡	623.30	..	-3.32	
Far East Gth Inc ‡	222.87	..	-9.45	0.52
-do- Accum ‡	232.52	..	-9.86	0.52
UK Diverse Inc ‡	297.97	..	-2.07	0.99
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 825 5800				
European	951.00	1015.00	+14.00	
Gilt & Fixed	147.60	155.90	-0.10	4.80
Growth Equity	581.00	620.70†	+1.80	0.86
Income Trust	214.40	229.00	+0.50	3.06
International	259.70	277.40	+0.20	
Japan Trust	81.73	87.31	-3.33	
Nth American	497.60	531.00	-8.30	
Pacific	290.50	310.30	-20.20	1.05
Scandinavia	834.70	891.70	+2.90	0.95
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	101.74	105.59†	-0.84	4.25
Global High Inc	93.98	97.54	-0.33	4.98
Stlg Bond Pflo	118.64	123.15	+0.25	5.35
Caut Mgd Pflo	150.79	160.32	-0.22	4.33
European Pflo	215.48	229.11	+3.01	
World Mkts Pflo	99.48	105.71	-0.51	
UK Eq Inc Pflo	206.74	219.82†	-0.39	2.43
-do- Accum	321.25	341.56	-0.58	2.43
UK Opps	611.50	650.20†	-13.40	1.84
-do- Accum	754.70	802.50	-16.50	1.84
St Vinc High Inc	174.12	178.73	+0.13	4.49
UK Emerg Cos	339.60	361.00†	-1.20	2.77
Inst UK Sm Co	435.30	442.90	+1.60	2.51
Glob Priv Tst	172.09	182.97	+0.83	1.15
-do- Accum	180.17	191.56	+0.87	1.15
Inc Shares Tst	133.86	142.27†	-2.57	6.44
Hk & China Tst	60.57	64.40	-3.54	1.77
Blue Chip Pflo	355.05	377.51	+3.11	3.15
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	76.20	82.84	+0.26	2.17
Balanced Acc	84.19	89.26	-0.29	2.17
Growth	47.74	50.63	+0.06	1.14
Growth Acc	50.46	53.51	+0.06	1.14
Income	43.66	46.53†	-0.60	3.17
Income Acc	49.64	52.68	-0.17	3.17
Accumulation Tst	40.08	43.42	+0.03	2.28
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Perf Acc	66.38	70.44†	+0.41	2.16
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 464949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	529.62	566.69	+5.65	
Best of British	103.34	109.84†	-1.33	1.23
UK Smaller Cos	229.74	245.89	+3.79	0.01
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	430.94	458.95†	+1.64	2.08
-do- Accum #	1288.04	1371.75	+4.88	2.08
High Income	480.21	513.33†	+2.59	3.06
Extra Income #	396.08	421.22†	-2.93	4.57
Pref & Bond	60.50	63.67†	+0.43	6.54
International				
Ethical	178.16	191.60	-1.52	1.53
International	299.98	324.36	-1.67	0.34
Global Bond	53.63	56.46†	-0.84	5.27
Inv Port Tst	129.76	138.75†	-0.07	
Global Tech	318.91	338.98†	-13.01	...

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	126.25	134.68	-7.55	1.19
European	1078.55	1142.74†	-12.44	
European Income #	152.09	160.90	+1.28	2.28
Euro Smlr Cos	309.83	330.80†	-1.94	
European Value	147.37	156.44	-0.42	
-do- Accum	159.14	169.05	-0.45	
Japan Trust	116.62	123.65	-3.40	
Japan Smlr Cos	102.27	108.57	-3.35	
Pacific Smlr Cos	150.46	160.31	-8.20	
North American	478.15	508.87	-3.13	
American Smaller	246.34	261.63	-2.13	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0800 530053				
British	181.41	189.96†	+0.57	1.42
Capital	272.80	285.64	-0.91	0.94
Dollar	734.99	769.62	-6.28	
Enterprise Gth	608.07	636.72	-5.98	0.49
European	461.80	483.56	+4.46	
Far East	163.61	171.32	-13.18	0.83
Financial	1631.88	1708.78	-11.11	1.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.45	30.84†	-0.02	5.45
High Yield	156.10	163.45†	-1.31	3.64
Income & Growth	234.20	245.23†	-0.65	3.27
International	391.39	409.83	+1.39	0.35
Japanese General	137.32	143.79	-5.36	
Japan Tech	62.49	65.44	-3.17	
Nat Resources	56.09	58.74	-3.56	1.09
Portfolio	110.93	116.15†	+0.08	2.35
Special Sits	307.46	321.94	-7.26	1.31
UK Emerging Cos	163.06	170.74	-3.83	0.74
US Smaller Cos	198.48	207.83†	-4.08	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	917.70	979.40	+0.40	3.75
UK Growth	1001	1067	+10.00	1.22
High Income #	162.90	173.90†	+0.20	4.80
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	903.10	954.20	-1.30	
European Gwth	269.60	285.90	+0.70	
Japan Gwth	198.10	210.60	-7.00	
Japan Smllr Cos	17.33	18.49	-0.30	
Asian	28.99	30.94	-2.01	0.65
Sing & Malay Gwth	30.28	32.32†	-2.55	
Hong Kong Gwth	119.10	127.00	-5.10	1.68
Global Bond	21.38	22.52	-0.06	4.35
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	245.60	246.80	+0.90	2.31
Trade Index	167.20	171.40	+0.60	1.97
THE FOOTSIE FUND	97.43	97.92†	-0.45	1.65
Index Funds-International				
American Index	446.30	448.50	-2.90	0.39
Eurotrack 100	331.80	333.50	+4.30	0.36
Japan Index	46.48	46.71	-1.09	0.32
Tiger Index	75.22	76.90	-4.53	3.30
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	61.20	65.92	+0.05	1.03
General Funds				
Managed Dist	115.60	120.70†	-0.40	0.83
Managed	120.80	126.30†	-0.40	0.83
Rapid Child Fnd	158.10	165.10	-0.50	0.84
UK Growth	99.25	103.70†	+0.20	0.90
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	124.20	129.70	+0.20	4.11
Gilt & Fixed Int #	29.91	30.91	+0.13	7.01
UK Inc & Gwth	69.85	72.95†	-0.03	2.03
UK Income #	546.00	570.20†	-1.00	3.01
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	84.66	87.81	-0.35	
Amer Smlr Cos	199.20	207.40	-3.40	
-do- Accum	201.30	209.70	-3.40	
Europa Gth	445.00	463.80	-0.20	
-do- Accum	460.90	480.30	-0.40	
Euro Smaller Cos	80.23	83.53	-0.34	
French Growth	160.30	166.30	-3.90	0.38
-do- Accum	173.50	180.00	-4.10	0.38
H Kong & China	78.79	82.10	-4.56	1.66
Intl Growth	88.01	91.54	+0.01	0.47
-do- Accum	89.80	93.41	-0.02	0.47
Japan Gth	18.62	19.41†	-0.52	
-do- Accum	18.62	19.41†	-0.52	
Japan Smaller Cos	19.37	20.22	-0.37	
Glob Emg Mkts	82.97	86.65	+0.28	0.04
-do- Accum	83.56	87.27	+0.28	0.04
SE Asia	162.50	169.70	-10.40	1.53
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	50.97	52.55†	-0.01	5.67
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 0870 606 6457 Dealing 0870 606 6407				
UK Income #	157.00	165.10†	+0.80	2.57
UK Growth	164.80	174.40†	+0.90	0.79
European Gwth	156.20	165.60†	+1.50	0.15
Slater Growth	288.70	305.50	+6.90	1.39
New Japan	58.28	61.69	-0.95	
Global Growth	117.90	124.80	-0.60	
Monthly Inc #	100.10	104.93†	+0.15	7.08
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	156.40	166.30	-9.60	
Income #	318.29	338.60	+3.01	3.54
UK Growth	125.74	133.77	+0.85	1.59
Intl Growth	111.20	118.29	+0.10	
Ecology	145.96	155.27†	+0.85	0.48

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Uk Eq Inc #	186.60	198.60	-1.00	2.98
UK Growth	152.90	162.70	-0.40	1.30
-do- Accum	195.90	208.50	+0.40	1.30
Worldwide Gth	473.60	503.20	-0.50	0.29
-do- Accum	700.10	744.80	-0.90	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
General	156.37	167.77†	-0.61	2.00
Income	106.00	113.82	-0.53	3.40
International	91.14	97.78†	-0.92	0.30
Tst of Inv Trsts	101.88	109.31	-0.22	0.80
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
American	683.70	721.70	-13.00	0.66
-do- Accum	859.00	906.70	-16.30	0.66
Amer Recovery	816.20	861.80†	-15.30	0.29
-do- Accum	944.90	997.70†	-18.90	0.29
Amer Smllr Cos	184.30	194.50	-5.40	
-do- Accum	188.30	198.70	-5.60	
Australasian	176.90	187.10	-13.55	2.41
-do- Accum	228.40	241.70	-17.50	2.41
Blue Chip #	99.90	100.41	-0.25	3.14
-do- Accum #	308.70	310.32	-0.78	3.14
British Opps	80.30	84.90	+0.40	2.23
-do- Accum	351.90	368.80	-1.50	2.23
Capital	1286.80	1360.80	-1.70	2.18
-do- Accum	1587.20	1678.60	-1.40	2.18
Charifund #	1102.10	1113.20	-5.00	4.38
-do- Accum #	6202.20	6264.30	-27.80	4.38
Commodity	320.50	338.50	-11.00	1.51
-do- Accum	475.80	503.20	-16.20	1.51
Corporate Bond	30.00	30.09	+0.06	5.90
Dividend	61.10	64.60†	-1.00	3.83
-do- Accum	291.40	308.50†	-4.70	3.83
Equity Income #	449.90	475.80	-1.70	4.23
-do- Accum #	666.50	704.60	-2.50	4.23
European	1060.00	1121.00	-17.40	0.34
-do- Accum	1368.20	1446.80	-14.60	0.34
Euro Dividend #	127.90	135.30	+1.30	2.67
-do- Accum #	169.10	178.90	+1.70	2.67
Euro Smlr Cos	85.60	90.50†	+0.50	0.50
-do- Accum	85.90	90.90†	+1.00	0.50
Extra Income #	650.30	687.70	-4.40	4.29
-do- Accum #	2222.10	2456.70	-15.80	4.29
Fund of Inv Tsts	928.80	982.20†	-6.30	0.99
-do- Accum	1829.50	1934.70†	-12.30	0.99
Gilt Income	70.72	70.84†	+0.08	5.30
-do- Accum	236.03	236.44†	-0.29	5.30
Gold	36.30	38.40	-2.20	0.69
-do- Accum	43.80	46.40	-2.60	0.69
High Interest	25.08	25.05†	-0.01	7.22
Income #	47.50	50.20	-0.30	2.65
-do- Accum #	214.50	227.10	-1.30	3.65
Intl Growth	102.50	108.40	-1.70	0.70
-do- Accum	182.60	193.10	-3.00	0.70
International Inc #	143.20	151.40	-0.40	3.64
-do- Accum #	240.40	254.70	-0.60	3.68
Japan	22.30	23.40†	-0.50	0.04
-do- Accum	23.90	25.20†	-0.40	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	81.20	85.70†	-1.00	0.06
-do- Accum	81.80	86.30†	-1.10	0.06
Managed Gwth @	33.60	33.85	-0.10	1.21
Managed Income #	39.40	33.70†	-0.25	3.85
Pension Ex	1526.20	1564.40	-5.20	2.75
Recovery	66.80	70.60	-0.60	2.29
-do- Accum	118.70	125.50	-1.10	2.29
Smaller Cos	85.50	90.40	-0.40	1.60
-do- Accum	184.00	194.40	-1.10	1.60
Sth East Asia	205.00	216.80	-14.10	2.91
-do- Accum	278.40	294.40	-19.10	2.91
Trustee #	58.40	62.80†		3.99
-do- Accum #	273.40	289.40†		3.99
UK Equity #	92.70	98.00	-0.90	3.37
-do- Accum #	265.00	280.30	-2.50	3.37
UK Growth	1595.40	1687.10†	-5.30	1.41
-do- Accum	1818.80	1923.30†	+6.00	1.41
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	180.33	191.84	-1.16	0.25
Intl Bond	62.74	65.90†	-0.19	3.45
Intl Equity Growth	108.80	115.45†	-0.66	0.44
N Amer Growth	198.58	210.55	-2.53	0.42
Special Sits Growth	40.91	43.52	+0.23	1.35
UK Growth	663.70	706.06	-1.54	1.81
-do- Accum	943.10	1003.29	-2.16	1.81
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825667				
Balanced Fd #	1626.90	1651.10†	-5.40	2.50
Income #	1350.70	1370.40	-4.00	3.70
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	222.50	228.10†	+1.00	3
MANEK INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0171 615 7070				
Growth Fd Acc	122.30	130.40	+0.70	
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	108.60	112.00†	+0.20	5.97
Investment Pflo	234.00	241.20	-0.10	1.55
-do- Accum	285.70	294.50	-0.10	1.55
UK Select Pflo	326.50	333.50†	-1.00	1.30
-do- Accum	283.00	291.70†	-0.90	1.30
UK 100 Cos	176.00	176.00	+0.40	1.40
-do- Accum	183.70	183.70	-0.40	1.40

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	171.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.55
European Growth	279.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Gilt & Fixed Int	99.52	105.79	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	145.42	[illegible]		[illegible]
Japan Growth	31.27	[illegible]	-0.97	
Managed	102.50	[illegible]	-3.62	2.04
Money Market	88.72	91.53	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	156.73	166.10	-1.30	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	262.30	[illegible]	-3.10	
European Gth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-4.40	
-do- Accum	869.10	[illegible]	-4.50	
Intl Gwth	297.50	[illegible]	-0.50	
UK Equity Inc	326.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.23
-do- Accum	459.42	488.02	-1.20	2.29
UK Growth Inc	185.00	202.50	-0.70	2.49
-do- Accum	397.20	[illegible]	-0.71	2.49
UK Ind Trckr Inc	291.80	[illegible]	-0.40	2.14
-do- Accum	360.40	[illegible]	-0.53	2.14
US Eq and Tre Inc	425.10	452.88†	-3.30	0.73
Japan Tracker	42.15	44.46	-1.38	
Asian Tracker	108.05	115.20	-1.10	0.57
Mngd Ptflio Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.30	1.36
Mngd Ptflio Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.30	1.36
Deposit Inc	100.40	[illegible]	-0.10	7.21
Eurasia	221.50	[illegible]	-1.00	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.39	1.84
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.36	10.10
Japan Growth	70.64	[illegible]	-1.61	
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 050 933				
American Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.62	
Equity Income #	145.50	[illegible]	-0.60	3.24
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Smaller Cos	116.42	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.53
Wwide Equity	37.73	[illegible]	-0.41	
Global Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.36
UK Growth	154.30	158.50	-2.70	2.91
Pacific Growth	61.74	[illegible]	-3.53	2.42
Japan Growth	78.26	[illegible]	[illegible]	
OEICS				
Portfolio Acc A ‡	53.05		-0.01	3.25
Portfolio Inc A ‡	[illegible]		-0.01	3.25
Gilt Acc A ‡	[illegible]			5.38
Gilt Inc A ‡	[illegible]			5.38
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	169.50	178.40	-1.50	1.01
European Dist	262.40	277.71	-2.50	0.13
Far East Dist	106.50	112.13	[illegible]	0.89
Global Care Dist	121.20	127.60	-0.10	0.09
Oseas Dist	126.60	131.80	-12.86	0.76
-do- Accum	1621.50	1736.60	-16.80	0.76
UK Dist	613.40	645.70†	-0.90	1.10
-do- Accum	1285.40	1353.60	-1.30	1.12
UK Extra Inc Dist	136.10	156.80	-0.20	2.02
Wwide Dist	139.20	145.50†	-1.10	0.11
Wwide Inc Dist	105.30	115.10†	-0.50	1.48
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 0870 601 6147 Admin Enq: 0870 603 9188				
Europe Inc	134.31	142.36	-1.09	0.47
Fund of Funds Inc	93.10	99.98	-0.27	0.81
North America Inc	90.45	95.47†	-1.26	
UK Equity Gth Inc	103.60	108.71†	-1.54	0.90
-do- Accum	114.53	121.20	-1.72	0.90
UK General Inc	94.63	99.83	-0.85	1.02
-do- Accum	103.13	114.12	-0.96	1.02
UK Gth/Fd Int Inc	50.85	53.59	-0.10	5.75
UK Income Inc	93.21	96.37†	-0.59	1.58
UK Smlr Cos Inc	170.85	180.35	-0.23	1.16
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	75.32	81.19	-1.67	
-do- Accum	76.91	81.81	-1.69	
Intl Bond	139.12	147.69†	-2.74	4.49
Cash Income	50.35	50.35†	-0.06	6.78
-do- Accum	74.83	74.83†	-0.07	6.78
Challenger	106.75	110.22	-0.72	1.36
Continental	152.41	162.13†	-2.91	1.97
European	109.05	116.01†	+2.53	
Exptl-I-L Gilt	106.38	106.45	-0.77	2.37
Foundation	156.91	166.92	+0.54	0.71
Managed Inc	302.70	322.02	-1.72	0.96
Managed Acc	310.12	329.91	-1.78	0.96
Growth Inc	202.24	215.14	-0.71	0.74
Growth Acc	212.10	225.63	-0.60	0.74
Higher Income Inc #	49.34	52.48	-0.10	3.95
-do- Accum #	63.70	67.76	-0.13	3.95
High Yield Bond #	101.96	106.47†	-0.01	6.91
Income	415.14	441.62	-5.52	1.77
Intnd	199.66	207.97†	+2.09	0.58
Intl Gwth	51	54.29	-0.13	
Japan	21.73	23.11	-0.77	
Oriental Inc	93.77	99.69	-7.46	0.53
-do- Accum	97.15	103.35	-7.73	0.53
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	62.97	63.87	-0.23	5.06
UK Growth	159.40	161.80	-0.70	2.22
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	181.74	191.30	-0.22	1.09
UK Equity	245.31	258.22	-0.97	1.95
UK Equity Income #	215.52	228.85†	-0.15	4.08
UK Smaller Cos	333.98	356.77	+1.52	0.94
UK Ecuty Growth	224.63	236.45	+3.28	0.39
UK Index Trckg	248.34	261.64	-2.81	1.80
Intl Index Trckg	218.12	230.21	-1.28	0.63
International	354.50	373.16†	-0.56	0.82
European	333.51	362.64	-1.80	0.05
Pan European	267.26	281.33†	-0.17	0.74
Nth American	343.31	361.49†	-4.68	0.06
N Amer Smlr Cos	392.97	414.71	-3.41	
Japanese	62.60	65.79†	-1.77	1.16
Pacific	141.59	149.04†	-8.02	2.30
South East Asian	142.95	150.47	-8.01	2.65
Sterling Bond	112.66	118.59	-0.04	5.84
Intl Bond	125.31	131.91	-0.27	3.58
Gilt & Convertible	123.65	130.16	-0.19	5.45
Property	96.82	101.92†	-2.04	4.64
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	582.50	622.56†	-2.40	0.30
-do- Accum	620.70	663.50†	-2.70	0.30
Japan Inc	67.12	71.06	-1.84	
Nth American Inc	240.90	254.60	-1.30	
Worldwide Inc	244.80	255.60	-0.60	
HK & China Inc	111.10	119.00	-6.70	2.11
Swiss Equities Inc	153.40	162.40	-0.60	
Wwide Bond Inc	69.91	73.81	-0.28	6.62
Emging Mkts Asia Inc	95.29	98.25	-6.75	3.29
-do- Accum	90.07	95.99	-6.91	3.38
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.26	50.26†	-0.05	6.65
Thailand Inc	33.16	35.21	-4.03	0.51
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	97.71	104.40	-0.10	0.30
Latin Am Cntry Inc	72.63	78.23	-0.19	0.62
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	102.16	103.62	-0.30	1.54
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	102.50	109.00	-0.20	0.45
Global Portfolio	89.92	96.17†	-0.32	
Way Global Red	78.42	83.43†	-0.01	
Marsh Global Grth	73.13	77.55	-0.11	
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	161.00	172.10	-0.40	0.57
Temple Equity Inc	59.28	63.59	-0.07	0.64
Hardley Growth	189.70	201.80	-1.00	0.96
IPS Portfolio Inc	125.60	132.30	-2.40	
UFC Growth	81.82	87.52	-0.05	0.25
Chartered Port of Fds	58.87	62.46		0.12
Ptg Intl Equity	94.05	100.60	-0.30	0.19
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	396.90	422.00†	-1.10	1.15
-do- Accum	899.30	956.60	-10.90	1.15
Growth	262.10	275.80†	-0.40	1.47
Income	386.10	410.70		2.91
Intl Equity	357.90	380.70	-0.10	0.11
-do- Accum	401.90	427.60	+0.10	0.11
Equity Income #	103.80	110.30	-1.20	4.16
Equity Growth	137.30	145.90	-0.20	0.98
New Europe	175.30	186.50	-2.20	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	892.83	952.36	-1.16	0.36
-do- Accum	902.06	962.21	-1.17	0.36
Income #	657.38	702.32	+0.96	3.00
Wwide Recovery	594.53	634.92	+0.71	0.27
Amer Growth Inc	406.93	432.74	-3.57	0.01
-do- Accum	406.93	432.74	-3.57	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	356.44	381.22	-2.25	0.06
Far Estn Gth Inc	205.10	219.36	-6.62	1.52
-do- Accum	209.23	223.78	-6.75	1.52
Euro Gwth Inc	328.22	349.96	+6.24	0.01
-do- Accum	329.36	351.17	-6.26	0.01
UK Growth Inc	164.17	175.40	-0.19	1.83
-do- Accum	183.87	198.45	-0.21	1.83
High Income #	170.87	182.45	-0.24	3.46
Jap Gwth Inc	129.86	138.83	-1.09	0.12
-do- Accum	129.86	138.83	-1.09	0.12
PEP Bond	68.86	71.96	-0.02	7.03
PEP Growth	199.45	212.75	+0.74	0.35
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	70.00	74.87	-5.30	0.19
-do- Accum	70.64	75.56	-5.33	0.19
Amer Smlr Co Inc	269.71	287.12	-3.00	0.01
-do- Accum	269.71	287.12	-3.00	0.01
Global Bond	55.16	58.48	-0.17	4.24
UK Smaller Cos Inc	146.84	157.06	-0.27	1.42
-do- Accum	159.05	170.11	-0.29	1.42
Lat Am Gwth Inc	36.52	39.06†	+0.59	0.73
-do- Accum	37.11	39.69	+0.60	0.73
World Inc PEP #	53.66	56.79†	-0.45	3.27
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	179.83	191.10†	-2.09	
European	158.03	168.12	+1.28	
Global	53.23	56.63	-0.42	
Pacific	35.46	37.58†	-1.45	
UK Inc & Grth	114.49	121.80	+0.58	1.03
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8890				
Asia	35.06	37.10	-2.10	
Emerg Mkts	40.20	42.65	-0.76	0.40
Euro Fund	68.40	72.52	+0.93	
Fund of Funds	249.50	262.80	+0.60	0.02
High Income #	66.57	70.07†	+0.23	4.97
Performance	61.58	65.16	-0.29	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sit	274.00	293.00	+4.10	0.32
Dividend	148.50	158.80	+0.60	3.04
Intl Gth & Inc	323.60	343.80	-1.40	
UK & Gen	69.85	74.71	+0.28	0.16
Fund of Funds	92.61	98.93	+0.30	
Prem Bal Growth	85.75	88.77	-0.07	0.06
Enterprise	142.50	150.00†	-1.00	1.57
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	238.08	246.83	-2.41	2.03
For Prolific UT see Aberdeen Prolific UT				
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing 0345 406000 Client Enq 0345 835500				
Managed Tst	56.01	57.00	-0.37	1.81
Cash Haven Inc	101.21	101.70†	+0.09	6.29
Cash Haven Acc	128.06	128.69	+0.12	6.29
Dist Trust Inc	132.64	137.45†	+1.00	4.47
Dist Trust Acc	180.18	186.20	+0.30	4.47
Global Growth	132.81	141.29	-0.45	0.53
Equity Inc	116.86	124.32†	-0.58	3.47
Equity	1254.54	1334.62†	+4.18	1.25
European	465.87	482.77†	+5.45	0.33
High Income	117.65	125.16	-0.11	4.38
Intl Gth	266.52	283.53	-1.31	0.69
Intl Sm Co	111.32	118.43	-0.69	0.76
Japanese	116.79	120.83	-1.84	
Mgd Income Tst #	52.13	53.90	+0.03	7.25
Nth Amer	354.77	367.10†	-3.16	0.54
Pacific Mkts	67.92	70.38	-4.68	2.19
Premier Inc	51.45	53.54†	-0.02	6.78
Sm Cos	145.04	154.30†	-0.71	1.16
Spec Sits	174.80	185.96	+0.35	1.36
UK Growth	212.90	226.49	+0.82	1.21
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 566 6600				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	119.04	126.50	-0.27	3.77
Investment Trust	158.48	168.33	-1.50	0.30
UK Smaller Cos	148.70	158.02	-1.06	1.61
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	495.80	525.90	+1.80	2.10
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	30.14	31.47†	-1.63	

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.98	5.40
Emerging Mkts	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.77	
Fd Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.90	
Global Fixed Int #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.77	4.64
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.62	
North America	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.11	
UK	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.40	
UK Equity Inc #	[illegible]	57.70†	-1.15	2.66
UK Fixed Int #	[illegible]	68.34†	-1.13	6.72
Portfolio Service PEP				
Independent Gwth	64.75	[illegible]	-0.09	
Independent Inc #	68.10	70.52	-0.03	2.49
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	[illegible]		-1.52	0.62
Asia Pacific ‡	[illegible]		-2.17	1.33
Europe ‡	[illegible]		-0.86	
Japan ‡	[illegible]		-1.16	
Latin America ‡	[illegible]		0.63	0.35
North America ‡	[illegible]		-0.28	
UK Eq Income #	[illegible]		-0.36	3.46
UK Major Cos ‡	[illegible]		-0.27	0.50
UK Smaller Cos ‡	[illegible]		-0.06	0.60
ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0870 601 6183 Dealing: 0870 601 6083				
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts				
Equity	1643.00	1726.00	-9.00	1.11
Equity Income #	153.10	158.30†	-1.70	3.56
European	292.10	305.02	-1.20	
High Inc Bond	52.16	52.24†	-3.05	5.47
Portfolio	152.90	161.80	-0.40	1.15
UK Index Trckg	288.70	305.40†	-1.00	2.45
UK Leading Cos	120.90	127.92†	-0.50	1.65
UK Smaller Cos	171.20	181.50†	-0.80	0.96
Royal Life Trusts				
High Inc Dist	238.40	252.20	-1.80	2.75
Intl Cautionary	73.52	78.16	-0.65	2.69
Intl Growth	102.00	107.90	-0.50	
Managed	249.50	268.20	-0.10	0.42
Pacific Basin	54.13	57.53	-2.59	0.67
United States	196.10	207.50	-2.30	0.26
Sun Alliance Trusts				
Far East	114.30	120.90	-5.20	1.35
North America	282.70	302.90	-3.10	
Wwide Bond	56.37	59.25	-0.16	5.00
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	278.20	295.30	-1.00	0.86
European Growth	285.40	303.70	+4.50	0.90
Far East Growth	82.36	88.58	-4.80	2.46
Japan Growth	80.25	85.35†	-1.42	0.58
Special Sits	299.30	318.40	-0.60	1.73
UK Growth	148.90	158.40†	+0.60	1.92
Intl Growth	367.00	390.50	-0.90	1.44
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	97.43	103.10	-5.50	1.16
Gt Euro Prog Inc	673.60	712.80	-6.40	0.57
-do- Accum	1065.00	1127.00		0.57
Growth Inc	211.10	223.40	+0.10	0.50
-do- Accum	217.40	230.10	-0.10	0.50
International Inc	563.70	596.50	-1.10	0.58
-do- Accum	782.00	827.60	-1.50	0.58
Nth Am & Intl Inc	554.30	586.60†	-2.10	0.43
UK Gen Prog Inc	392.70	415.60	+6.10	0.90
-do- Accum	462.30	489.10	+7.10	0.90
UK High Inc Inc	209.20	221.40†	+0.90	3.90
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
European Gwth	157.74	157.80	-2.78	1.00
Global Bc	61.35	64.67	-0.05	5.00
UK Gwth	135.95	144.51	+2.18	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	191.90	204.10	-1.70	
Cash	147.30	147.30	-0.20	6.82
China Dragon	46.59	49.56†	-3.79	1.30
Commodity	107.20	114.00	-5.50	
Emerging Mkts	36.00	38.30†	-1.22	0.44
European Gwth	404.00	429.80	+3.50	
Euro Smlr Cos	112.00	119.10	-0.90	
Extra Income #	73.77	76.45†	+0.19	4.74
Far Eastern	63.16	67.19†	-3.42	
FE Sm Cos	32.64	34.72†	-1.58	0.32
Financial Secs	494.30	525.80	-0.50	0.42
Gold & Exploration	34.59	36.80	-3.71	
Growth	638.20	641.40	+3.30	0.40
High Income	54.50	54.50†	+0.10	6.91
Intl Bond	159.90	169.00	-0.10	4.69
ITU	301.60	320.90	-5.70	0.48
Japan Growth	111.10	119.10	-3.20	
Japan Smaller	95.50	101.60†	-0.90	
Korea	15.94	16.96	+0.16	
Latin America	45.46	48.36	-0.23	0.41
Macrotime	84.83	85.26†	-0.80	0.73
Premier Eq Grth	259.90	276.50†	+1.60	0.77
Premier Eq Inc #	527.20	560.80†	+4.30	3.35
SE Asia	24.41	25.97†	-1.86	0.89
Southern Africa	49.05	52.18	-1.43	0.82
UK & Gen	259.60	276.10†	-3.60	0.61
UK Eqty Gen	128.10	136.30†	+1.70	0.80
UK Eqty Inc #	377.90	402.00	-1.80	3.23
UK Gth & Inc #	456.80	486.00	+1.10	2.11
UK Sm Cos	84.63	89.39	-1.38	0.17
US Growth	321.70	342.20	-0.70	
New Europe ‡	49.69		+1.78	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Enq: 0800 526 535 Bnkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	505.29	533.85†	-2.44	0.46
-do- Accum	563.22	595.05†	-2.72	0.46
European Gwth	149.21	158.03†	+1.49	0.24
Euro Smlr Cos	168.47	179.06†	+1.76	0.02
-do- Accum	170.90	181.65†	+1.80	0.02
Far Eastern Gth	72.59	77.10	-5.12	0.05
-do- Accum	73.75	78.66	-5.24	0.05
Gilt & Fxd Int #	58.63	61.76	-0.07	6.81
Global Bond #	45.25	48.75	-0.31	5.71
-do- Accum #	58.24	60.17	-0.41	5.71
Global Emg Mkts	43.95	46.97	-0.86	0.01
-do- Accum	44.09	47.03	-0.86	0.01
Income #	586.99	626.12	-2.86	3.73
-do- Accum #	2098.73	2238.64	-7.35	3.73
Japan Smlr Cos	192.79	205.64	-4.97	
-do- Accum	193.18	206.05	-4.98	
Japan Enterprise	43.01	45.87	-1.40	
Pacific Gwth	79.69	85.21	-5.55	0.93
-do- Accum	83.84	89.42	-5.82	0.93
Portfolio	120.16	127.63	+0.31	1.64
-do- Accum	136.57	145.06	+0.35	1.64
Seoul	12.75	13.60†	-8.04	0.01
-do- Accum	12.75	13.60†	-0.04	0.72
Strategic Inc	127.59	135.74	-0.17	1.76
Strategic Acc	131.66	140.07	-0.17	1.76
Tokyo	93.56	99.79	-2.76	
-do- Accum	94.50	100.80	-2.79	
UK Enterprise	470.32	501.67	-1.67	1.48
-do- Accum	599.69	639.88	-2.38	1.48
UK Equity	431.86	460.65	+1.77	1.69
-do- Accum	898.78	958.71	+2.68	1.59
UK Smaller Cos	487.21	519.68†	-0.74	0.72
-do- Accum	588.04	627.21†	+2.04	0.72
US Smlr Cos	366.53	390.89†	-1.60	
-do- Accum	366.53	390.89†	-1.60	
Institutional Funds				
European	481.43	493.77	-4.64	0.71
-do- Accum	551.16	570.95	+5.31	0.71
Euro Smlr Cos	52.83	54.95†	-0.44	0.85
-do- Accum	57.84	60.16†	-0.48	0.85
Global Equity Inc	119.16	123.56†	-0.50	0.75
Japan Smlr Cos	19.31	20.11	-0.46	0.26
-do- Accum	19.53	20.34	-0.47	0.26
Mngd Balanced	280.18	291.57	-1.03	2.64
-do- Accum	342.11	356.03	-1.26	2.64
Overseas Equity	249.41	258.96	-0.98	0.83
-do- Accum	259.01	275.16	-1.04	0.83
Oseas Smlr Cos	145.31	151.32	-1.19	0.71
-do- Accum	155.52	161.95	-1.28	0.71
Pacific	143.34	149.31†	-9.44	2.89
-do- Accum	165.31	170.16†	-10.76	2.89
Recovery	3274.18	3410.60	-21.89	2.47
-do- Accum	3740.01	3895.85	-24.99	2.47
UK Index	269.66	281.20†	-2.21	2.35
-do- Accum	363.74	379.89†	-3.11	2.35
UK Small Cos	195.32	203.46	+1.26	2.06
-do- Accum	223.42	232.73	-1.44	2.06
US Smlr Cos	83.96	87.45†	-1.07	0.53
-do- Accum	86.85	90.47†	-1.20	0.53
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	85.78	90.71	-0.54	1.57
Equity Trust	114.26	120.83	+0.11	1.92
Equity Strategy	117.60	124.36	-0.42	1.14
European Opps	175.37	185.45	-1.58	0.27
UK Smaller Cos	103.40	109.35	-0.84	0.85
Maximum Inc	99.90	102.50	-0.10	5.88
Japanese	44.56	47.12	-0.74	
Asia Pacific	68.07	71.98	-4.78	1.97
American	199.50	210.71	-2.00	0.53
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	36.11	36.11	-0.03	6.94
UK Eq Gwth Inc	86.61	92.29	-0.24	2.01
-do- Accum	120.52	128.34	-0.34	2.01
Intl Income	390.50	415.31	-0.42	1.17
-do- Accum	701.53	746.10	-0.71	1.17
European	178.02	189.00	+1.73	0.79
Japan	44.31	46.93	-1.28	
American	153.58	162.35	-0.95	0.64
Far East Tact	50.35	53.70	-3.32	2.07
Ethical Inc	54.86	58.67	-0.13	1.38
-do- Accum	64.60	69.10	+0.15	1.38
UK Blue Chip Inc	57.83	61.67	-0.40	1.98
-do- Accum	72.13	76.85	+0.50	1.98
UK Equity Inc	60.83	64.88†	+0.35	3.06
-do- Accum	93.53	99.77†	+0.55	3.06
UK Global Inc	68.57	72.91	-0.23	1.23
-do- Accum	76.47	81.31	-0.25	1.23
Wwide Tact	115.41	122.89	-0.78	0.92
Europe Tactical	129.86	138.65†	-0.70	0.47
Technology	230.32	233.88	-1.15	0.31
Dist Inc	32.15	34.11	+0.13	4.92
-do- Accum	34.62	36.73	+0.13	4.92
UK Eq Idx Inc	27.10	28.64	+0.11	6.80
-do- Accum	30.12	31.83	+0.12	6.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	733.70	780.20	-2.50	1.52
American	504.40	533.70	-4.10	0.14
Pacific	266.00	283.90	-12.50	0.46
European	1035.80	1100.00	+8.90	0.51
Worldwide	109.90	116.90	-1.20	0.29
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	471.30	501.30	-2.00	1.48
-do- Accum	644.30	685.40	-3.70	1.48
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	330.60	351.70	-3.50	1.53
-do- Accum	417.20	443.80	0.90	1.53
Select Oppnty Inc	118.00	126.10†	+0.50	1.12
Income Plus Inc	123.70	131.50†	-0.40	3.02
European Inc	713.40	757.20†	-5.70	0.66
Intl Gwth Inc	827.70	878.40	-6.60	0.66
Far Eastern Inc	97.29	103.50†	-7.00	1.69
Intl Income Inc	114.40	121.60	-6.30	1.09
Japanese Inc	40.18	42.74†	-1.29	
Nth American Inc	501.50	532.30	-4.30	
-do- Accum	555.50	589.60	-4.90	
Intl Growth Inc	273.90	290.80	-2.00	0.41
Wwide Venture Inc	121.70	129.20†	-0.40	0.50
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	632.50	667.60	-1.90	1.64
-do- Accum	981.70	1037.00	-3.00	1.64
UK High Inc #	294.40	311.00	-0.10	3.16
-do- Accum #	476.40	503.30	-0.20	3.16
Europe Inc	801.30	846.60	-4.10	0.43
-do- Accum	853.90	902.10	-4.30	0.43
Nth Amer Inc	445.40	470.50	-2.30	
-do- Accum	329.80	348.50	-2.30	0.09
Global Inc	358.10	378.30	-2.50	0.09
UK Spec Sits Inc	176.80	186.80	-0.30	1.54
South East Asia	103.10	108.90	-8.80	1.40
Cash Trust Inc	100.00	100.00	-2.60	6.68
UK Smlr Cos Inc	157.10	166.00	-0.30	1.46
-do- Accum	169.10	178.70	-0.30	1.46
Intl Bond Inc	90.54	95.08	-0.22	3.61
International Strat	103.10	109.20	-0.10	
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	265.30	279.30	+2.30	0.13
Nth American	193.90	204.10	-1.50	
Intl Bond & Conv	138.70	146.00	+0.10	5.47
Pooled Pension	337.50	352.20	-0.80	1.81
Smaller Cos	166.90	175.70†	-0.20	0.78
UK General #	235.50	247.90	-2.40	1.73
Far Eastern	52.90	55.68	-4.42	1.06
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6236				
Continental	153.50	161.80	-0.80	0.60
Global Gwth	107.20	113.10	-0.30	0.59
Inv Tst Port	75.00	81.19	-0.93	1.80

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	[illegible]	1969.35	-10.50	2.10
Fixed Inc #	119.56	127.10		5.00
Smaller Cos	369.50	382.40	+1.10	0.80
Ireland SIF Reel ground				
UK Equity Inc ‡	120.12		+1.66	3.32
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.22		+0.11	7.37
Corporate Inc ‡	109.97		+0.27	6.32
Tai Pan ‡	65.25		-3.90	
Aztec ‡	74.70		+0.08	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	195.26		-0.74	
European ‡	271.55		+0.85	
Global Bond ‡	91.49		-0.02	6.79
Samurai ‡	38.57		-0.64	
UK Growth ‡	145.17		+1.48	2.76
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	119.59		-0.78	2.69
Investment Trust ‡	144.42		-1.55	1.78
The Football Fd ‡	82.81		-0.39	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	105.57		-0.36	
Growth Reserve ‡	102.25		-0.23	4.02
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	615.70	653.70	-11.20	
Capital	135.40	200.95	-1.30	0.79
Cash	101.24	101.24	+0.11	5.78
European	251.00	255.60†	+2.90	
Far Eastern	117.30	124.10	-4.70	
Growth	239.40	253.20	-0.70	0.93
Income #	190.10	201.10	-0.90	4.60
Magnum	138.50	210.50	-1.40	0.93
Smlr Secs	861.40	901.40	-1.10	
Thoroughbred	232.90	246.40	-1.90	0.90
SOCIETE GENERALE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dealing Desk 08000 278 2436				
UK Growth Acc	99.36	105.70	+0.60	1.42
Technology	94.13	99.60	-0.22	
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
[illegible]	70.83	73.02	-0.31	6.50
Ethical	108.70	116.20	+0.70	0.82
European Growth	136.60	144.80	-2.00	
Income #	81.22	86.86	-0.49	3.75
Intl Growth	135.10	143.10	-0.70	0.12
Managed	129.40	137.10	+0.50	0.15
UK Growth	95.98	102.60	-0.70	1.09
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	59.53	59.63	-0.02	1.28
Global Advtg Acc	65.56	65.89	-0.07	1.28
Income Advtg Inc	50.27	50.53†	-0.19	2.55
Income Advtg Acc	61.87	62.18	+0.31	2.55
UK Equity Gth Acc	162.60	171.90	-3.10	0.85
Premier Inc Inc	54.90	56.83†	-0.35	5.77
Premier Inc Acc	64.75	66.98	-0.26	5.77
Managed Acc	83.09	88.06	-0.25	1.41
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	58.88	62.42	-0.42	4.55
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	82.54	87.50	-0.58	3.55
UK Ethical	56.81	58.80	-1.20	0.89
UK Smlr Cos Acc	77.79	82.46	-1.28	0.44
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	119.60	126.10	+0.50	1.01
UK Equity Gen Inc	83.00	88.19	-0.36	1.01
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	35.22	37.25	+0.09	5.45
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	421.60	457.50	-2.50	1.70
Nth American Acc	81.50	86.60	-0.90	
Pacific Basin	26.76	28.44	-1.54	1.74
European Acc	90.41	96.07	-0.59	
Japan Acc	19.12	20.32	-0.64	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	6.155	6.538	-0.01	1.76
UK Eqs (US$)	4.882	5.189	-0.01	0.62
Far East Eqs (yen)	229.50	243.80	-5.00	
FT Europe	253.11	267.92	-1.56	0.59
FT N Amer (US$)	4.41	4.684	-0.11	
FT Japan (yen)	125.70	132.80	-0.70	
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	1.882	1.998	-0.07	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	676.20	714.30	-9.10	
British #	1838.10	1944.70	-15.50	1.99
Emging Mkts	148.30	157.80	-7.60	0.94
Euro Gwth Inc	158.80	167.90	-0.90	
Euro Small Co	81.61	86.92	-0.23	
Japan	81.30	86.19	-2.37	
Asia Pacific	287.50	306.30	-17.80	1.88
-do- Accum	317.10	337.70	-14.80	1.88
Inv Trust Acc	396.30	430.20	-0.40	0.86
Mngd Equity	275.40	291.40	-0.70	1.68
Mngd Cash	96.28	96.28	-0.09	6.70
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Asia Pacific	13.32	14.17†	-0.81	1.41
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	107.94	114.83	-0.19	5.91
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	122.60	130.43	+0.21	5.91
European	86.14	91.64†	+0.13	0.24
Japan	24.52	26.09†	-0.69	0.01
Managed Assets	189.75	202.94	-0.02	1.36
North American	67.16	71.45†	-0.71	0.96
Smlr Co's Inc	50.56	53.79†	-0.64	1.23
Smlr Co's Acc	56.76	60.38†	-0.06	1.23
UK Growth Inc	93.59	99.56†	-0.39	1.25
UK Growth Acc	108.84	115.79†	+0.45	1.25
Extra Income #	58.58	62†	-0.82	7.21
Worldwide Grth	54.51	58.30	-0.38	3.25
For Sun Life see AXA Sun Life Fd Mngrs Ltd -				
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	452.86	479.21	-5.59	
-do- Accum	498.80	527.82	-6.16	
Brit Growth	177.89	188.24	-1.72	1.21
-do- Accum	226.14	239.31	-2.24	1.21
European	211.30	224.23	+1.30	0.07
-do- Accum	226.33	239.51	+1.40	0.07
Extra Income #	299.75	317.20	-4.05	3.57
-do- Accum #	579.81	613.62	-7.82	3.57
Smaller Cos	119.47	126.10	-2.65	0.61
-do- Accum	137.88	145.91	-3.30	0.61
General	517.04	547.14	-5.36	1.50
-do- Accum	1129.92	1195.67	-11.71	1.50
Premier Income	56.94	59.30	+0.04	5.19
-do- Accum	155.68	162.16	+0.10	5.19
Income #	539.71	571.12†	-5.14	3.24
-do- Accum #	1326.16	1403.35†	-12.61	3.24
Pacific	226.92	240.13	-15.44	0.12
-do- Accum	238.44	252.32	-16.22	0.12
International	845.42	894.61	-1.97	0.42
-do- Accum	1118.33	1183.38†	-2.60	0.42
Nat Resources	119.87	126.85	-8.90	0.66
Spcl Opps	190.98	202.11	-3.97	1.65
-do- Accum	259.58	269.41	-5.39	1.65
Environmental Inv	126.10	133.44	-3.39	0.94
Selector	104.69	110.77†	-1.43	1.34
-do- Accum	124.14	131.37†	-1.68	1.34
High Income #	97.13	102.78	-1.17	3.39
-do- Accum #	139.75	147.88	-1.67	3.39
Intl Income	66.11	69.95	-0.29	3.86
-do- Accum	93.05	98.47	-0.31	3.86
Selector Income	86.52	91.56†	-0.75	3.34
-do- Accum	115.34	122.05†	-0.99	3.34
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0800 435810				
British	593.28	624.50	-7.04	1.70
European	137.59	144.07	+0.82	1.21
TEMPLETON INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Templeton Funds (OEIC)				
Alpha Shares				
Growth Acc ‡	336.03		-3.84	4.13
Growth Inc ‡	283.21		-3.23	4.13
Balanced Acc ‡	279.42		-2.05	5.39
Balanced Inc ‡	222.12		-1.62	5.39
Value Acc ‡	215.20		-1.04	3.15
Value Inc ‡	168.36		-0.91	3.15
Beta Shares (250,000 minimum)				
Growth Acc ‡	973.83		-11.02	4.13
Growth Inc ‡	973.83		-11.02	4.13
Balanced Acc ‡	978.43		-7.07	5.39
Balanced Inc ‡	978.43		-7.07	5.39
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 629 0662				
Capital	132.70	141.20	-1.70	0.50
International	90.15	95.79	-0.38	...
THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS				
Client Serv: 0800 0683000 Inter Serv: 0800 0684000				
Threadneedle Investment Services				
Managed Funds				
Adv Mgd Gth Acc	57.24	58.93†	+0.30	0.89
Bal Mgd Gth Acc	56.54	59.20†	+0.28	2.63
Cau Mg Gth Acc	56.10	58.72†	-0.25	4.14
Managed Income	55.49	58.10†	-0.28	3.66
Threadneedle Investment Funds (OEIC)				
Retail Shares (Class 1)				
UK				
UK Corporate Bd ‡	54.16		+0.09	6.27
UK Equity Inc #	61.47		+0.39	3.51
UK Growth ‡	61.87		+0.65	1.35
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	57.13		+0.40	1.59
UK Money Secs ‡	50.81		+0.05	7.10
UK Monthly Inc #	56.52		+0.28	3.14
UK Select Gwth ‡	63.36		-0.61	1.38
UK Smaller Cos ‡	65.58		+0.32	1.42
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	55.66		-0.34	
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	57.51		-0.53	
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	55.83		-1.15	
Asia Growth ‡	27.85		-1.85	0.57
Emg Mkt Bd Fd #	53.10		+0.29	7.12
European Growth ‡	72.89		-0.54	
Euro Sel Gwth ‡	72.10		+1.14	
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	73.90		+0.26	
FE&Jap Gwth Acc ‡	28.20		-1.56	0.07
Global Bond ‡	52.45		-0.03	6.33
Gth Sel Gth Acc ‡	54.77		+0.20	
Japan Gwth Acc ‡	33.80		-0.82	
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	50.58		-0.91	
Latin Amer Gth ‡	46.53		-0.10	
Institutional Shares (Class 2) (500,000 min)				
UK				
UK Equity Inc #	61.54		-0.38	3.52
UK Growth ‡	61.94		+0.65	1.88
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	57.18		+0.40	2.12
UK Intl Gwth ‡	61.93		+0.51	2.22
UK Oseas Engs ‡	60.12		+0.11	1.40
UK Select Gwth ‡	63.48		+0.62	1.86
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	65.65		+0.32	2.01
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	55.87		-0.33	
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	57.74		-0.53	
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	55.96		-1.15	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	27.97		-1.86	0.96
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	72.84		+0.55	0.45
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	72.33		+1.12	0.24
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	74.08		+0.27	0.22
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	28.29		-1.56	0.48
Global Bond ‡	52.54		-0.08	6.33
Japan Growth Acc ‡	33.90		-0.82	
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	50.71		-0.90	
Latin Amer Gth ‡	46.61		-0.09	0.35
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Eq Inc Acc #	479.74	510.36	+1.57	3.18
UK Equity Gwth	519.29	552.44	+2.39	1.24
European	304.07	323.48	+1.82	0.40
Nth American	125.46	133.47	-0.13	0.63
Far Eastern	51.71	55.01	-2.46	0.31
Money	77.37	77.37	+0.08	6.38
Fixed Interest #	94.32	100.12	-0.01	6.83
Index Linked Gilt	87.62	92.92	-0.44	1.19
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	114.60	114.60	-0.25	5.50
Pens Growth	149.59	149.59	+1.89	
Pers Inc Protct	119.24	119.24	-0.26	
UK Index Tracking @	190.41	190.41	+2.12	1.60
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7455				
Australasian Gold	14.38	15.14†		
Pacific Basin	23.38	24.82		
Global Bond (UCS)	0.9754	1.0160		
Penny Share	45.61	48.61		
Japan Smlr Cos	27.22	28.65		
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	132.90	134.30†	-0.10	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8294	0.8379	+0.00	
Gilt Income	53.52	54.35	-0.04	6.00
Gilt Growth	91.98	93.42	+0.16	
Sterling Bond	53.17	54.05†	-0.03	5.90
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	77.15	81.83	+0.23	1.47
UK Stockmarket	146.20	155.30	-0.30	1.84
Corporate Bd Inc	52.18	52.29	-0.02	5.28
Do Accum	57.98	58.10	-0.02	5.28

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European	332.38	352.68	+4.10	0.37
Far Eastern	220.10	234.00	-13.40	
UK Special Sits	85.53	91.21†	+1.01	0.29
Fd of Inv Tsts	70.41	75.09	-0.30	0.36
High Income #	71.11	75.84†	+0.69	4.35
Financial Opps	74.74	79.71	-0.01	0.10
Growth & Income #	59.39	63.33	-0.90	2.37
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 556 8800				
Bridge Income #	428.44	455.79†	+12.29	3.90
Esf Growth	148.51	157.99	-2.91	0.43
Inc & Growth	103.44	110.04	+0.09	2.63
Smaller Cos	141.09	150.10	+1.71	1.13
Ever Spec Sit Inc	77.03	81.95†	+0.06	1.57
Ever Spec Sit Acc	82.04	87.28†	+0.06	1.57
Penrose Growth	63.11	67.14	+0.16	1.91
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	643.80	683.10	-1.90	1.24
UK Inc/Gth #	665.70	706.30	-0.10	1.05
UK Income #	476.80	505.90†	+3.00	3.89
UK Income Acc #	493.50	523.60†	+3.10	3.89
UK Sm Cos	404.80	432.90		1.64
Euro Gwth	265.70	282.00	+3.50	0.24
N Amer Gwth	168.70	178.40	-1.30	
Pacific Growth	5.49	5.83†	-0.31	0.30
Emg Mkts Gwth	65.37	69.36	+0.08	
Japan Growth	41.35	43.87	-1.07	
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Gwth Port Inc	92.64	97.97	+0.07	0.48
Gwth Port Acc	94.63	100.08	+0.08	0.47
Inc Port Inc	85.43	90.34†	+0.08	3.02
Inc Port Acc	99.69	105.42†	+0.64	2.87
Wwide Port	69.79	73.80	-0.44	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 683512				
Equity Dist @	856.20	856.20	+2.70	1.67
-do- Accum @	1820.00	1820.00	+6.00	1.67
Equity Income #	140.70	140.70	+0.30	3.87
UK Tactical Allocn @	94.39	94.39	-0.05	5.57
European @	242.00	242.00	+3.50	0.04
Far Eastern @	140.90	140.90	-8.90	
Fixed Interest @	61.28	61.28	-0.02	6.67
Gilt @	100.80	100.80†	-0.20	5.74
Global Growth @	96.52	96.52†	-1.43	0.06
Intl Bond @	49.63	49.63	-0.13	4.74
Japanese @	48.43	48.43	-1.49	
North American @	325.90	325.90	-2.10	0.07
Pacific Growth @	65.03	65.03†	-4.19	1.14
Pacific Index @	25.96	25.96	-1.66	3.78
UK Index @	112.10	112.10†	+0.40	2.16
UK Recovery @	165.37	165.37†	+0.58	1.00
UK Smaller Cos @	226.90	226.90	+1.20	0.88
US Index @	129.30	129.30	-0.80	0.58
European Index @	155.20	155.20	+2.10	0.56
Japan Index @	23.84	23.84	-0.55	0.04
Worldwide @	130.00	130.00†	+0.10	0.97
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 833				
Growth	81.42	87.08†	+0.47	1.98
Income	93.60	100.10	+0.30	3.42
Far East	25.91	27.71	-1.40	0.93
North American	181.58	193.10	-2.60	
Global	109.60	117.10	-0.70	0.33
European	182.80	195.20	+3.00	0.24
Japan	58.73	62.59	-2.17	
Intl Currency Bd	56.60	59.97	-0.15	4.59
SE Asia	47.98	51.32	-3.04	1.45
UK Cap Growth	147.90	158.10	+0.40	1.24
Recovery Trust	122.10	130.50†	+2.10	2.65
Managed	87.41	93.48	-0.02	1.36
Cash	51.04	51.04	+0.06	6.66
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	586.40	623.90†	-2.00	1.47
-do- Accum	1436.00	1528.00	-5.00	1.47
Cons Euro Gth	129.90	136.80	+0.60	0.06
-do- Accum	140.70	148.20	+0.70	0.06
Extra Inc	402.90	428.70†	-1.20	3.51
Extra Inc Acc #	1177.00	1253.00	-3.00	3.51
FTSE 100 Inc	182.70	194.40	+0.80	1.70
FTSE 100 Acc	194.00	207.10	+0.80	1.70
German Gth	247.50	260.60	-1.90	0.09
-do- Accum	259.50	273.20	-1.90	0.09
Growth Port	903.40	961.10	+2.20	0.41
-do- Accum	951.20	1012.00	+3.00	0.41
High Interest Inc	114.40	118.60	-0.20	6.48
High Interest Acc	132.20	137.00	+0.30	6.48
H Reserve Inc #	134.30	142.90†	-0.10	4.81
H Reserve Acc #	158.40	168.60	-0.10	4.81
Income Acc #	797.90	848.90	+2.30	3.02
Income Acc #	2374.00	2526.00	+7.00	3.02
Income Port	713.40	759.90†	-3.40	3.54
-do- Accum	884.40	940.90	-4.10	3.54
Japan Growth	70.89	75.42	-2.43	
-do- Accum	71.13	75.68	-2.44	
Master Trust	88.50	94.15	+0.09	1.18
-do- Accum	103.90	110.60	+0.10	1.18
N/Mediums Acc	138.60	147.50		1.57
N American Gen	364.90	388.20	-5.20	0.50
-do- Accum	422.30	449.30	-6.10	0.50
NAm Sm Co Rec	242.20	257.70	-3.20	
-do- Accum	247.20	263.00	-3.30	
Pacific Basin	136.70	145.50	-10.70	1.06
-do- Accum	147.30	156.80	-11.50	1.06
Safety First Acc	124.60	131.20	+0.30	1.29
Do until 2/10/98 ‡	119.15			
Small Cos Rec	674.80	720.40†	-1.70	1.55
-do- Accum	953.80	1004.00	+2.00	1.55
UK Eq Gth	238.50	253.80	-1.80	1.87

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 380 060				
Managed Tst	84.28	89.66	-0.58	3.23
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4845				
Intl Income	110.40	117.30†	-1.20	3.59
European	165.60	175.80	+1.60	0.19
Income #	115.40	122.50†	+0.10	3.28
Nth American	118.80	126.10†	-2.00	0.18
Far East	119.20	126.50†	-6.00	
Japan	48.41	51.39	-0.93	
Emrgng Mkts	75.25	80.48	-1.75	0.72
Intl Growth	153.80	163.30	-1.00	0.71
UK Growth	167.90	178.20	-1.10	1.53
UK Smlr Co	76.43	81.14†	-0.99	1.49
Asia Pacific	23.10	24.71†	-1.69	0.12
Glob Gwth PEP	83.08	88.19	+0.01	0.55
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	122.90	130.60	-0.50	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Income	677.57	720.82	+1.31	2.59
Global Inc	106.60	113.40	-0.61	2.12
Brit Leaders Inc	520.84	553.23	-0.11	1.67
Intl Leaders	322.80	343.40	-0.16	0.31
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	421.90	444.60	-1.40	
-do- Accum	451.10	475.50	-1.40	
American Opps	153.90	163.10	-1.80	
-do- Accum	155.80	165.10	-1.80	
Bal Port	123.00	130.30	+0.10	2.28
-do- Accum	157.00	166.30	+0.10	2.28
British Blue Chip	140.20	148.60	-0.30	2.22
-do- Accum	186.70	198.00	+0.40	2.22
Cash	100.70	100.70	+0.10	6.98
-do- Accum *	160.90	160.90	+0.20	6.98
Emerging Mkts	116.50	125.30†	-2.10	0.24
-do- Accum	118.20	127.10†	-2.10	0.24
European Growth	554.90	587.00	+7.30	0.09
-do- Accum	605.70	640.70	+8.00	0.09
General	808.10	857.20	+7.10	1.81
-do- Accum	1703.00	1807.00	+15.00	1.81
Global Bond	131.60	138.20	-0.20	4.53
-do- Accum	187.00	196.50	-0.30	4.53
Gold & General	122.30	131.10	-4.50	0.50
-do- Accum	126.60	135.70	-4.50	0.50
Govt Securities	103.50	106.70†	-2.50	4.81
-do- Accum	238.70	246.10†	-0.10	4.81
High Yield Bd	112.80	115.50†	-1.30	5.57
-do- Accum	131.20	134.40†	+0.10	5.57
Income	267.90	284.40†	+1.50	3.34
-do- Accum	471.40	500.50†	+2.70	3.34
Inc Portfolio #	143.50	151.80	+0.60	4.64
-do- Accum #	167.50	177.10	+0.60	4.64
Intl Opps	716.60	763.30†	-12.70	0.66
-do- Accum	979.50	1043.00†	-15.00	0.66
Japan	123.90	131.40	-4.00	
-do- Accum	127.20	135.00	-4.00	
New Europe	358.50	383.50	+1.10	0.48
-do- Accum	378.20	404.50	+1.10	0.48
Pacific	55.34	59.09	-3.92	0.37
-do- Accum	59.70	63.69	-4.23	0.37
Recovery	624.48	666.00†	-5.20	1.40
-do- Accum	846.50	902.90†	-7.20	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	83.02	88.55	+1.02	1.34
-do- Accum	97.41	103.90	+1.20	1.34
Managed Gth	157.90	164.90†	-0.10	1.54
Managed Inc	151.10	156.68†	-1.00	3.52
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	88.72	92.90	-0.12	2.04
-do- Accum	101.20	106.00	-8.10	2.04
British Tst	151.80	159.00		1.13
-do- Accum	188.50	197.40		1.13
Corp Bond Inc	109.00	113.00†	+0.20	5.89
-do- Accum	122.20	126.60†	+0.30	5.89
Extra High Inc #	95.22	99.71	+0.37	5.31
-do- Accum #	222.00	232.50	+0.90	5.31
FTSE 100 Acc	107.30	112.40	+0.40	1.65
FTSE 100 Dist	97.89	102.50	+0.40	1.65
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.13	63.61†	-0.75	5.67
-do- Accum	212.70	221.40†		5.67
High Yield #	329.50	345.00†	+0.50	4.81
-do- Accum #	988.30	1036.†	+2.00	4.81
Household Names	141.90	142.60	+0.80	1.12
Income #	461.60	483.40	-2.70	3.23
-do- Accum #	1140	1194	-6.80	3.23
Money Market UT	49.48	49.48†	+0.06	6.63
-do- Accum	90.08	90.08†	+0.11	6.63
Monthly Income	131.90	138.10†	+0.30	3.54
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	196.80	209.50	+0.50	1.58
European Growth	239.80	254.20	+2.00	
Gilt & Fixed	120.90	126.20	+0.10	5.45
Income	156.80	166.00		3.02
Japan Growth	30.56	32.39	-0.86	
Managed	111.10	116.30	+0.20	2.02
Money Market	105.80	111.30	+0.20	4.91
North American	157.10	166.60	-1.30	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	178.50	189.90	+0.50	1.58
European Growth	224.70	238.10	+1.80	
Gilt & Fixed Int	112.10	118.90	+0.10	5.45
Income	152.70	162.40		3.02
Japan Growth	30.65	32.49	-0.84	
Managed	106.00	112.60	+0.20	2.03
Money Market	96.72	102.50	+0.10	4.91
North American	140.60	149.00	-1.30	

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price, ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge.



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Top dogs in the investment world

Patrick Collinson examines the financial adviser's form guide and 11 top trusts

The wraps are off one of the best-kept secrets of the investment world. Standard & Poor's, world-renowned for its bank and bond ratings system, has bought the secretive UK research unit that analyses unit trusts and investment trusts and is throwing open its ratings for all to see.

The previously unpublished ratings have been used by top investment advisers for years as the basis for their recommendations. They give an at-a-glance view of the best investment funds, which are rated on past performance data plus extensive interviews with the individual fund manager and research into the fund management group.

Fund Research ratings pass the litmus test for any ratings system — do they actually predict which funds will outperform in future? An audit by Standard & Poor's before it bought the company found that a Fund Research rating gave a 70 per cent chance that a fund would continue to outperform other funds in the future.

S&P Fund Research analyses all of the 1,600 unit trusts and 350 investment trusts, but only a small number pass its screening system. Just 20 per cent of funds obtain a rating, and of them less than a third earn the coveted AAA rating.

Graham Hooper, a director of Chase de Vere, the firm of investment advisers, has subscribed to the Fund Research service for several years. He said: "If a fund is Fund Research-rated, we are happy to recommend it. If it doesn't have a Fund Research rating, the management group has to come up with damn good reasons why it isn't."

> "Just 20 per cent of the funds obtain a rating"

So does the publication of the S&P Fund Research ratings mean that an investor no longer needs to visit an adviser before picking a fund? Not so, according to Nick Bradley, Standard & Poor's director. He said: "A rating is a starting point, not an ending point. If a fund is rated, it is worthy of consideration, but investors will make the decision to buy a fund based on many factors, including those specific to the investor, such as risk preferences or time horizon. Our ratings are only part of the investment decision."

Fund Research blotted its copybook in the minds of some advisers two years ago when it failed to spot problems at Morgan Grenfell European Growth, which Deutsche Bank rescued in a £200 million bailout. Fund Research admits that its screening process did not identify the unit trust's portfolio of rogue stocks, but says that it cannot be expected to highlight fraud. Nigel Slade, sales and marketing director, said: "If a fund manager can hoodwink a company's entire compliance system, then we cannot be expected to discover it."

Another concern about ratings is that they may concentrate too much on long-term past performance, and fail to pick the next shooting star of the investment world.

But Roger Cornick, Perpetual marketing director, said: "Inevitably all comment on investment performance is rear view. It's like driving with the windscreen blacked out. You have to choose whether you want a long-term track record on one that pays more attention to immediacy. With the fireworks-today-approach you get a very bright fund manager who shoots the lights out, but who is then snaffled up by another company and then the performance of the fund is no longer there."

As a taster of the Standard & Poor's Fund Research ratings, *Weekend Money* this week publishes the 11 UK equity income unit and investment trusts which currently have a triple-A rating. A good UK equity income fund achieves a steady income for the investor, while at the same time managing to grow the capital put into the fund to provide a nest-egg for the investor in future.



The race is on to win a coveted triple-A rating and be listed in Standard & Poor's Fund Research guide

AAA UK EQUITY INCOME FUNDS

Management Group	Fund Name
Britannia	Britannia Higher Yield Fund
Credit Suisse	Credit Suisse Income Fund
HSBC	HSBC Income Fund
Invesco	GT Income
Mercury	Mercury Income Fund
Morgan Grenfell	Morgan Grenfell UK Equity Income
Morgan Grenfell	Morgan Grenfell Equity Income*
Newton Investment Mgmt	Newton Income Fund
Perpetual	Perpetual Income Fund
Schroder	Schroder UK Equity Fund
Schroder	Schroder Income Fund

* Investment trust. All other funds are unit trusts.

Source: Standard & Poor's Fund Research. A triple-A rating is defined as "A fund which demonstrates an extremely strong ability to adhere to consistent investment processes and provided above average risk adjusted returns relative to funds with similar objectives."

THE TRIPLE-A FUNDS IN DETAIL

☐ Britannia Higher Yield Fund
Yield: 3.21 per cent. Income paid quarterly. Charges: 4 per cent initial, 1.5 per cent annual. S&P Fund Research says Britannia has an experienced and proven team, although income distributions have proved volatile.

☐ Credit Suisse Income Fund
Yield: 3.4 per cent. Income paid half-yearly. Charges: 5.25 per cent initial, 1.2 per cent annual. It hit a poor patch in 1997, but S&P Fund Research believes it is managed by a high-quality team with a consistent approach, and has benefited from a fund restructuring in mid-1997.

☐ HSBC Income Fund
Yield: 3.8 per cent. Income paid half yearly. Charges: 5.25 per cent initial, 1.25 per cent annual. A fund that has rarely been in the top ten for any particular time period, but which has enjoyed consistently above average performance year in year out.

☐ GT Income
Yield: 3.0 per cent. Income paid half yearly. Charges: 5 per cent initial, 1 per cent annual. Another fund with an excellent long-term record which has underperformed in the past year. S&P Fund Research says it retains its AAA rating because of its strong long-term record, its below average volatility and the consistent approach taken by Nick Train, who has managed the £300 million fund for more than 12 years.

☐ Mercury Income Fund
Yield: 3.2 per cent. Income paid quarterly. Charges: 5 per cent initial, 1.5 per cent annual. S&P Fund Research says its AAA rating reflects the combination of strong performance and a balanced and consistent management style.

☐ Morgan Grenfell UK Equity Income Unit Trust
Yield: 2.3 per cent. Income paid half-yearly. Charges: 5.25 per cent initial, 1.5 per cent annual.
Rated by S&P Fund Research for its low volatility, conservative and pragmatic investment approach.

☐ Morgan Grenfell Equity Income Investment Trust.
Investment trust version of unit trust as above.

☐ Newton Income
Yield: 1.9 per cent. Income paid quarterly. Charges: Initial 6 per cent, annual 1.25 per cent. A fund where performance has bounced back in the past 24 months and which is noted for its flair and consistency by S&P Fund Research

☐ Perpetual Income
Yield: 3.1 per cent. Income paid half yearly. Charges: Initial 5.25 per cent, annual 1.25 per cent.
Excellent performance over most time periods has been achieved by a high exposure to financial stocks and a low weighting in general industrials, and S&P Fund Research praises the consistent style of the manager, Neil Woodford.

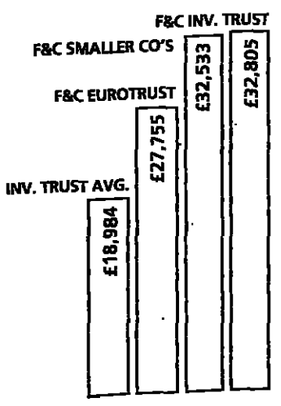
☐ Schroder UK Equity Fund
Yield: 1.9 per cent. Income paid half yearly. Charges 5.25 per cent initial, 1.25 per cent annual. An extremely disciplined approach and solid outperformance, although exposure to export and manufacturing stocks has hurt performance recently.

☐ Schroder UK Income Fund
Yield: 3.9 per cent. Income paid half yearly. Charges 5.25 per cent initial, 1.25 per cent annual. Another top performer over longer-term periods but which has weakened over the past year, burdened by an overexposure to small and medium-sized stocks.

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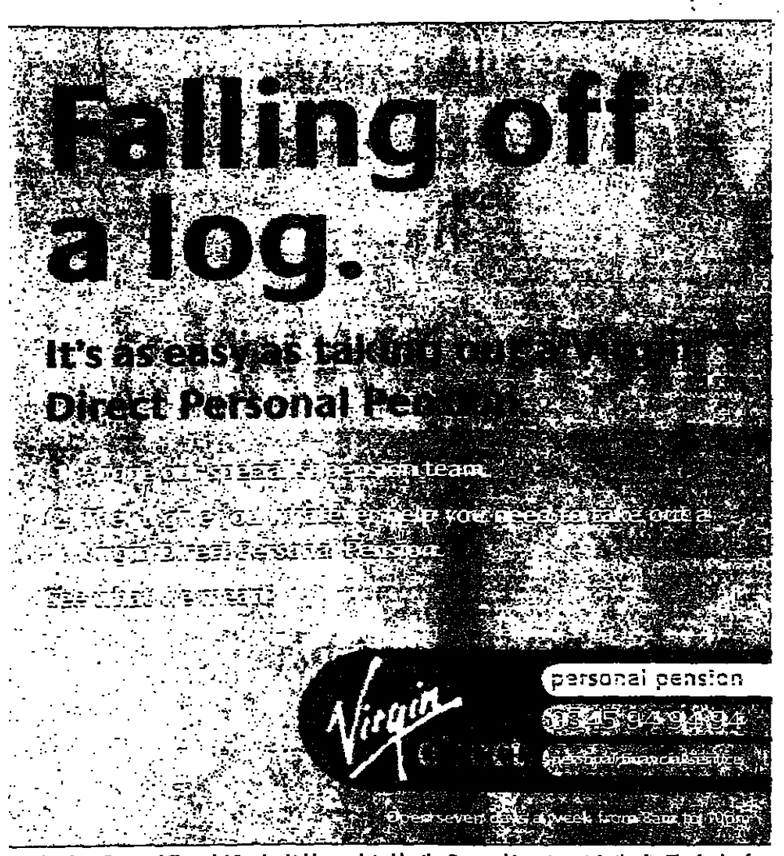


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Deafening sounds of reports and silence



ANNE ASHWORTH
Personal Finance Editor

Unwilling or unable to formulate a cogent policy on pensions, the Government has decided to adopt a new strategy. It is revealing, one by one, the findings of reports that predict penury in retirement for millions.

Perhaps ministers believe that these statistics will so alarm the populace that it will make pensions its priority and so spare the Government the painful necessity of finalising its plans.

However, this approach seems doomed to failure in light of the Government's own admission that millions are distrustful of anything to do with pensions.

Through its abolition of the dividend tax credit, the Government has itself made pensions less attractive. Its continued silence on the substance of its plans makes us wonder what other shocks it has in store.

Tax exile

THOSE who suspect Geri Halliwell to have been the cleverest of the Spices will wonder whether tax played a part in her decision to leave the band. The abolition of the foreign earnings deduction perk means that overseas tours will no longer be a tax-free escapade for bands (see page 55). Did the prospect of retrospective taxation cause the already disaffected Miss Halliwell to take a more jaundiced view of life on the road?

Those whose every penny of income is subject to PAYE will wonder why it took so long to close this loophole. So benign was the regime that royalties from an album recorded in a Caribbean hideaway could continue to escape tax for years. We hope those stars who have benefited from this arrangement will be sufficiently ashamed to contribute to aid agencies whose already poorly paid workers also lose out from the withdrawal of the concession.

Redeeming feature

ONE direct consequence of Northern Rock's shabby treatment of 200,000 customers could be a better deal for the nation's 11 million home buyers. The Office of Fair Trading investigation into the bank's behaviour has made the home loans men jittery. Alarmed to see that the watchdog is now turning its scrutiny to mortgages, they are now contemplating ending redemption penalties.

As the measure would not be retrospective, those now arranging fixed-rate loans would be advised to avoid offers with penalties. Others, already entangled in penalty-clause deals, can take comfort. When they look for a new loan, the market will be less hazardous.

Pitfalls of going private

Stockbrokers seem to labour under the misconception that ordinary mortals with less than £100,000 to invest hanker after the kind of private-client portfolio management that richer folk can afford.

Quilter, a private client stockbroking firm that traces its ancestry back to 1777, is so strong in this conviction that it is launching a unit trust that will be managed on the principles the firm applies to individual share portfolios.

The Quilter Private Growth Portfolio, which becomes available on July 1, aims to represent "a private client portfolio of substantial value". The fund's managers will draw on the experience of Quilter's private client managers in selecting assets.

Investors' money will be invested globally, but initially the lion's share (59 per cent) will be in UK large companies, with a further 4 per cent in UK smaller companies. The fund may invest in investment trust shares to establish its overseas portfolio in the first few months. But David Franklin, chief executive of Quilter Fund Management, says the fund managers will establish separate portfolios of shares for each market by the end of the year.

The Private Growth Portfolio's performance will be measured against that of the FTSE International Private Investor Growth Portfolio Index, an index established a year ago by the *Financial Times* and the Association of Private Client Investment Managers.

Mr Franklin says that the firm will provide much more information about how money is being invested than is typical for a unit trust. In addition to the normal twice-yearly report and accounts, investors will receive quarterly investment commentaries setting out which shares have been bought and sold, and explaining why the fund managers have taken those actions. There will also be a personal valuation of the investor's units.

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However, this is unlikely to be enough to make the Private Growth Portfolio this summer's hot favourite.

The chief problem is performance. Private-client stockbrokers can refuse to publish performance statistics, hiding behind protecting clients' confidentiality. They also claim that because portfolios are tailored to clients' needs, they cannot be measured against traditional benchmarks.

Most now contribute performance figures (derived from model portfolios) for the FTSE's Private Investor indices, but these hide the performance of individual firms.

As a result, some stockbrokers have turned in indifferent performances for higher than average fees for many years. Many have stuck to old-fashioned and idiosyncratic investment techniques, serving clients poorly.

Quilter, described by another stockbroker as being "a dinosaur", is unable to defend itself against such attacks. It cannot provide a real track record for either its private client portfolio management or fund management. The firm entered retail fund management two years ago when it bought control of four small unit trusts (now worth about £55 million).

According to the funds statistics firm Micropal, the funds' performance has been a bit of a mixed bag since. The Quilter High Income Investment Trust fund, a unit trust which invests in investment trust shares, is ranked second in its sector over one year, and has grown by 22.64 per cent (charges included) compared with an average of 15.7 per cent. The Quilter UK Smaller Companies unit trust performed just above average.

In contrast, the Quilter High Income Portfolio grew by 21.95 per cent over the last year compared with an average of 24.38 per cent for similar funds in the UK equity income sector. The CU Quilter fund grew by just 13.45 per cent over the last year, compared with average growth of 23.76 per cent for the UK growth and income sector.

Like other stockbrokers, Quilter now produces statistics for the FTSE Private Clients portfolios derived from model portfolios, and has also backdated them from January 1997. In its first full calendar year, the growth model grew by 21.7 per cent (fees excluded) — the same as its benchmark index, the FTSE International Private Investor Growth Portfolio Index. Over the same period the FTSE All-Share increased by 19.73 per cent and the FT/S&P World Price Index by 17.76 per cent.

As the Private Growth Portfolio will follow the growth model, Quilter proposes to use these figures to show a track record. However, these figures are not in the fund prospectus, so potential investors have little idea of what to expect.

Ian Millward, of independent financial adviser Chase de Vere Investments, says: "There's nothing wrong with the aim of the fund, but if you are running through a list of good quality fund managers, Quilter doesn't jump to the fore. The Pep performance has been quite poor and the firm doesn't seem to have the resources to sort it out."

Amanda Davidson, of independent financial adviser Holden Meehan, is kinder: "The fund is likely to be fairly solid — not particularly exciting but reasonable returns."

Although Quilter stresses the need to be flexible to take advantage of changes in regions, countries, sectors and companies, Ms Davidson says the portfolio is likely to lay heavy emphasis on the UK "because that's what stockbrokers are familiar with".

Investors who apply during the three-week fixed price offer period will benefit from a reduction in the initial charge from 5 per cent to 4 per cent. Likewise the annual management fee will be cut from 1.5 per cent to 1 per cent for the first two years until July 1, 2000.

However, Quilter needs to come up with something more if it wants to entice new investors.

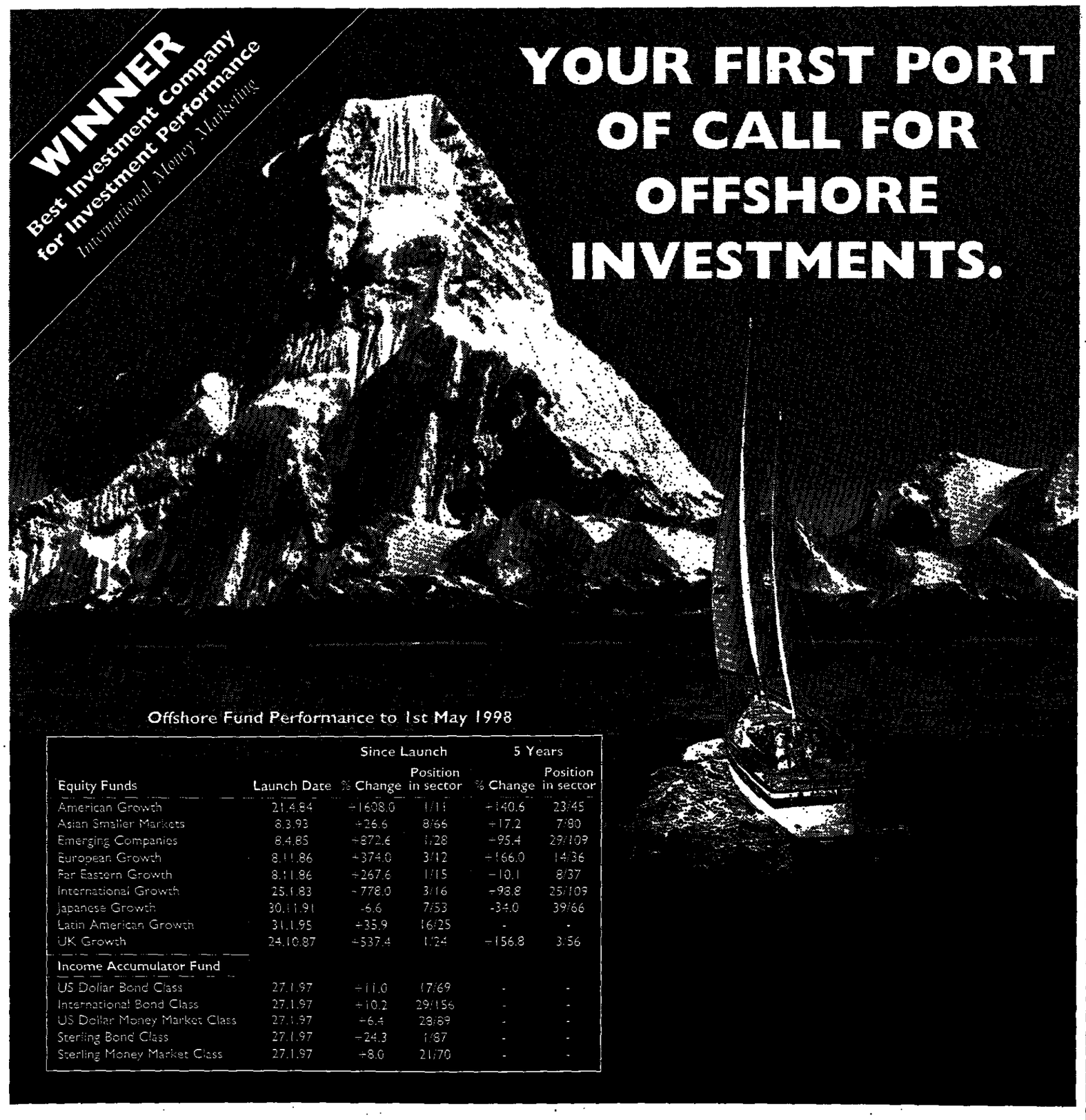
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Quilter traces its history back to golden days of broking



Offshore Fund Performance to 1st May 1998

		Since Launch		5 Years	
Equity Funds	Launch Date	% Change	Position in sector	% Change	Position in sector
American Growth	21.4.84	+1608.0	1/11	+140.6	23/45
Asian Smaller Markets	8.3.93	+26.6	8/66	+17.2	7/80
Emerging Companies	8.4.85	+872.6	1/28	+95.4	29/109
European Growth	8.11.86	+374.0	3/12	+166.0	14/36
Far Eastern Growth	8.11.96	+267.6	1/15	-10.1	8/37
International Growth	25.1.83	+778.0	3/16	+98.8	25/109
Japanese Growth	30.11.91	-6.6	7/53	-34.0	39/66
Latin American Growth	31.1.95	+35.9	16/25	-	-
UK Growth	24.10.87	+537.4	1/24	+156.8	3/56
Income Accumulator Fund					
US Dollar Bond Class	27.1.97	+11.0	17/69	-	-
International Bond Class	27.1.97	+10.2	29/156	-	-
US Dollar Money Market Class	27.1.97	+6.4	28/89	-	-
Sterling Bond Class	27.1.97	+24.3	1/87	-	-
Sterling Money Market Class	27.1.97	+8.0	21/70	-	-

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The Bank throws a tantrum

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GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Pass the smelling salts. Gazza, Ginger Spice and then a quarter point rise in UK interest rates in one week. All were certainly shocks. City watchers had rarely been so united as they were before the news. The monthly meeting of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee would be a blank. The economy is slowing and there was no compelling new reason to change the growing majority view that kept base rates at 7.25 per cent since November. Only those who have argued consistently that the economy was overheating really hoped for movement this time, and their hopes were not high.

As it turned out, however, only the element of surprise linked the base rate rise with the icons of popular culture. Sterling immediately jumped by two pfennigs. But hardly had our remaining manufacturers groaned with disbelief than the pound relapsed again to 2.90 marks. If the first day is a guide, and it usually is, the committee's little *coup de théâtre* will merely slow the currency's retreat from the rarified summit of 3.10 marks — where the air was thin for exporters and groups with overseas profits — to a more sensible level.

Domestically too, Thursday's drama may prove to have little substance. To put things in perspective, Russia on the same day cut its short-term rate from 150 to 60 per cent. Had the Russian cut been to 149¾ per cent, or even by the same proportion to 130 per cent, babushkas would hardly have been dancing in the streets of Novosibirsk.

No wonder the impact on financial markets has been limited, after an initial fall in government bonds. Some inflation hawks do expect base rates to rise to 8 per cent. The shocked majority, however, is now even more convinced that, give or take the odd gesture, UK short-term interest rates are now at their peak for the cycle.

In share markets, the FTSE 100 index fell, then bounced back higher than it started. That is surprising because the top shares have been in a nervous phase since the April 6 peak. All but the blinkered are aware that blue chips look overvalued by historical standards. Even the confident cast an occasional glance over their shoulders. But Thursday's tiny tremor would hardly show up on a lie detector. Even the FTSE 250 index, which collates shares just below the top 100 and is claimed to reflect manufacturing and construction better, was stoically unmoved by the Bank of England's attention-grabbing tantrum.

So what's the point? The committee was swayed by the latest pay data and particularly by a Marks & Spencer settlement allowing employees up to 5.25 per cent rises. This was hardly shocking for a winning company, implying that pay will rise 2.75 per cent more than target inflation of 2.5 per cent, which is little faster than the economy. Monetary policy will eventually hit trouble if it requires the share of national income absorbed by pay to be ratcheted down.

The aim is to twist the slowdown in economic growth a further notch to squeeze out any scope for inflationary slippage. Independent forecasts of growth this year had edged down to an average of 2.2 per cent before the latest move. More significant are the shrinking forecasts for 1999, expected not so long ago to see the economy bouncing back. Even before Thursday's move, forecasters on average expected growth of only 1.9 per cent.

For investors, the critical question is not the precise level of short-term interest rates, but how long they will stay relatively high. Hopes of a swift retreat have gradually given way to fears that rates could remain at 7 per cent or above for a year or more. That would surely be needed if attention focuses on wage increases, which tend to lag economic growth.

If and when that thought gets into the minds of those who are pumping money into UK equities, they could well decide that money looks a more attractive holding than short-term bonds or even shares. For the moment, the UK market remains caught up in the North Atlantic financial boom, which pays more attention to interest rates set in Washington or even Frankfurt than to the provincial antics of the Bank of England. In the coming months, however, UK investors should watch out for stiff necks from all that time looking over our shoulders.

Taxman won't fade away

ROBERT SORBO/AP



No longer will groups such as the Rolling Stones on lengthy tours abroad be able to receive earnings tax-free

The Prime Minister may formulate policy playing air guitar to Oasis. But the Government has made it clear that it is no longer willing to force taxpayers to subsidise the rock and roll lifestyle to the tune of £250 million a year.

Dawn Primarolo, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, this week confirmed that bands and the members of their entourages who undertake lengthy overseas tours will no longer be entitled to tax-free earnings. The measure was one of the less publicised provisions of the Budget, and the tax change applies from Budget Day, March 17.

Mrs Primarolo is standing firm against protests from the Rolling Stones who are currently engaged in their *Bridges to Babylon* two-year world tour. Smyth Barkham, a firm of solicitors acting for Mick Jagger and his colleagues, claims that the withdrawal of the foreign earnings deduction concession will affect the entire 270-strong Stones ensemble, including stage hands, musicians, hairdressers and electricians. The solicitors object to the retrospective nature of the measure saying that the crew have had "the bulk of their tax relief eliminated midway through their employment".

The entertainment industry is not the only sector adversely affected by the abolition of the concession. As disclosed by *Weekend Money*, employees of aid agencies will lose their tax relief and this may force some charities to curtail their activities, as administration costs rise.

The closing of the loophole does not affect authentic expatriate employees who are not resident in the UK.

Clause 63 of the Finance Bill specifies that only some 10,000 seafarers (but not offshore oil workers) will retain the right to claim the deduction formerly given to any worker employed overseas for a qualifying period of 365 days or more. During this time, they are entitled to spend no more than 62 consecutive days at home. Smyth Barkham's argument that the main victims of the closing of the loophole are not the stars but their acolytes carries little weight in Whitehall.

Both the Inland Revenue and the Treasury saythat the principal beneficiaries of the loophole were "media and entertainment personalities" who had used the foreign earning deduction to avoid paying tax anywhere in the world.

An Inland Revenue spokesman said that most of the 20,000 non-seafaring individuals who had claimed the deduction had "earnings well above average". To underline the Government's contention that the foreign earnings deduction was yet another perk being given to those who had already received more than their fair share of good fortune, the explanatory notes to the Finance Bill give the example of a Ms X, who is a member of a rock band:

She recorded an album overseas in 1979-80 which has continued to be successful, and recently reissued on CD and used as a film soundtrack. As the album was made outside Britain under a contract that entitled Ms X to claim the foreign earnings deduction, she has continued to receive all earnings arising from this album free of tax. The notes conclude that, "under the new rules there would be no immunity from tax".

The Revenue said that Ms X was not a real-life personality but that "elements had been drawn" from its dossiers.

ANNE ASHWORTH

Hargreaves pledges new leaf

TRUST WATCH

Hargreaves Landsdown, one of the UK's highest profile independent financial advisers, has taken £40 million of investors' money into its own range of unit trusts but produced disappointing returns.

The Bristol broker ran into controversy when it unveiled its own range of funds three years ago. At issue was the distinction between Hargreaves Lansdown's role as an independent adviser on the full range of 1,500-plus unit trusts and its new role as a seller of its own unit trusts.

Would customers suffer? Another major adviser, Knight Williams, had trailblazed the way with own-brand unit trusts, but later collapsed under allegations of poor performance, double-charging and questionable commission practices. The verdict on the four Hargreaves Lansdown trusts is that performance over three years is poor, but there is evidence of a recovery over the last six-to-12 months.

Trailing the Hargreaves Lansdown pack is the HL Optimum *Income* & Growth, which is ranked 138th out of 147 trusts in its sector over one year, according to Standard & Poor's Micropal. While the average UK Growth & Income trust has jumped by about 24 per cent over the past year, the HL trust managed only 13.2 per cent.

The three-year figures for the Investment Trust Portfolio and the Warrant Portfolio make equally miserable reading. The investment trust fund is 12th out of 13 in its sector, and the Warrant *fund* is 133rd out of 139. However, performance has improved markedly during the last year, and both funds have moved to top quartile over 12 months. The HL UK Performance trust has performed creditably, ranked 64th out of 161 in its sector over one year, but has only a short performance record.

Hargreaves Lansdown investment director Alan Durrant says: "A couple of our funds lost their way between 1994 to early 1996. We are saying to people that things have turned around and our managed portfolios have beaten the market over a one-year period."

Mr Durrant says Hargreaves Lansdown is restructuring how stocks are picked for the Optimum fund. Fortunately for Hargreaves investors, the warrants fund has soared by around 50 per cent in the last six months. Durrant insists recent performance in its other funds has also *improved* and matches or beats the major City investment houses.

Hargreaves' defence of its performance record also rests on its insistence that it did not pour clients into the funds to obtain fees and commissions.

Joint managing director Stephen Lansdown said: "Let's make one thing clear. We do not operate in the way that Knight Williams used to operate. We do mail our customers but we sell our trusts on an execution-only basis, and there is no commission bias in favour of HL funds over other funds."

Mr Durrant also points out that the £40 million in the four unit trusts is only a small part of the money that Hargreaves Lansdown manages directly on behalf of clients. It has another £100 million in its eight investment portfolios, but these are not unitised in the way of normal unit trusts. These portfolios, says Durrant, have enjoyed outperformance over the last year.

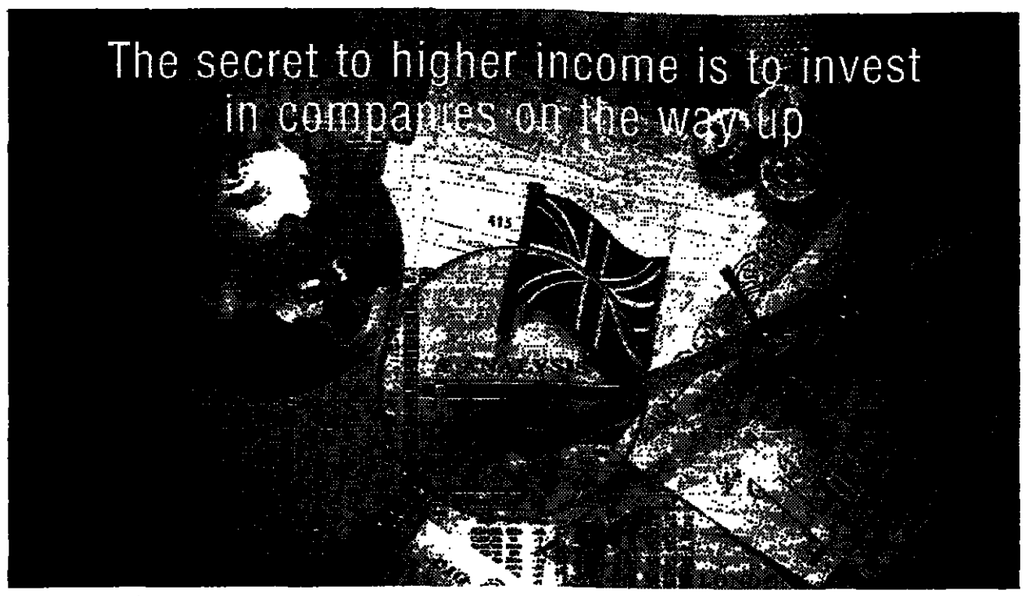
However, if a unit trust starts to underperform, advisers pull out client money. When it is the broker's own unit trust, the temptation is to keep hold of the money despite weak performance.

Mr Durrant says Hargreaves Lansdown keeps clients up to date with the performance of its portfolios, but he admits the firm does not tell clients to sell if performance dips.

He said: "We compete for space on Hargreaves' mailing lists just like Jupiter or Perpetual. The days when you could sell a fund for a 5 per cent initial fee and charge 1.5 per cent plus per annum are over."

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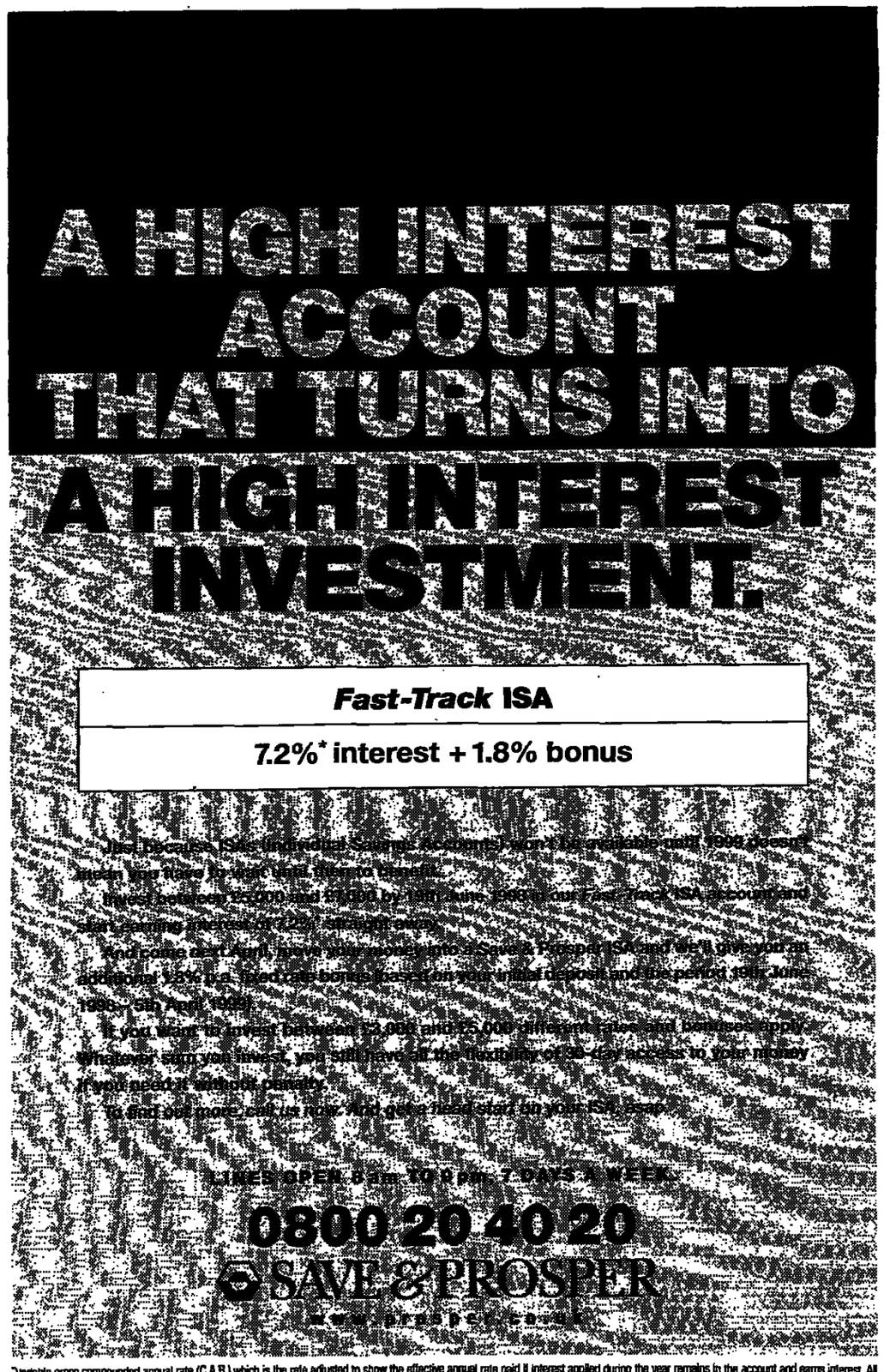
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Pressure grows on offshore tax havens

Richard Miles on a silver lining for the Channel Islands in Brussels' plans to standardise taxation rules throughout the EU



The Channel Islands are attractive to holidaymakers and investors alike, and there could be a marked increase in the latter with changes to EU tax havens

Wealthy investors seeking an offshore home for their savings may soon have to venture much further afield if the bureaucrats in Brussels have their way.

Plans drawn up by the European Commission are designed to ensure that there is the same tax treatment of savings accounts and investment funds throughout the European Union.

While most countries already impose a so-called withholding tax, typically 20 per cent, on any interest earned by savers, Luxembourg, the Irish Republic and the Channel Islands continue to pay interest at a gross rate to non-resident savers.

However, under an EC directive presented to finance ministers this week, all nations would, in future, have either to impose the withholding tax, or notify the saver's home taxation authorities about the earned income.

Luxembourg, where many German, French and Belgian professionals have traditionally sheltered their savings, is said to be less than happy about the proposed directive, as it is a direct threat to its position as a major centre of offshore finance.

Ironically, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man look set to benefit from the proposal. As Crown dependencies, they are not members of the EU, and the UK Government would have to draw up quite complex legislation to force the islands to comply.

The independent status of the Channel Islands is largely an accident of history. They became part of the eventual United Kingdom with the Norman conquest, and while most of England's French territories were ceded, peacefully or otherwise, to the French, it managed to keep hold of the islands, albeit with their own parliaments and powers of taxation.

Despite dark mutterings in the bars of Frankfurt and the cafes of Paris about the principle of "extra-territoriality" — forcing UK dependencies to comply with laws imposed on the mother nation — the Channel Islands are adamant that they will continue to retain their independent tax regime. They argue they cannot be forced to adopt the directive.

It is not difficult to understand why they feel so strongly about the matter. Financial services, largely aimed at international investors, account for a large proportion of the islands' gross domestic product. Of course, the United Kingdom is an indirect beneficiary, as much of the money deposited in the islands is ultimately invested in British stocks and bonds.

Tax experts believe that if this European Commission directive becomes law, then it could trigger a massive outflow of funds from Luxembourg, with the Channel Islands the preferred alternative for many investors. German savers may find Switzerland — another non-European Union state — more convenient.

Maurice Fitzpatrick, of chartered accountants Chantrey Vellacott, says it is difficult to assess just how much money is locked up in Luxembourg, but suggests it has to be "hundreds of billions of pounds". Much of this could ultimately be bound for UK dependencies, including the Cayman Islands, now the fifth biggest financial centre in the world.

Investors go offshore for several reasons, not least because they seek confidentiality. Usually, however, it is because the interest on their savings is paid gross, although they must of course declare these earnings to their national tax authority. It is especially important for older savers who can defer the payment of the tax, and for husband and wife arrangements where one partner does not pay tax.

At present, anyone with their savings in Luxembourg need do nothing. The EC directive is still in its draft format, and genuine debate on its merits is unlikely to begin much before the autumn. There have been rumours too, that Luxembourg will refuse to sign the directive if the Channel Islands remain excluded.

Even in the longer term, savers may find they have no need to withdraw their cash. Legal experts believe Luxembourg firms will build alternative corporate structures with registration outside the EU, although the day-to-day operations will continue to be run from the European principality. As one observer remarked: "The EC must recognise that we now live in a global economy."

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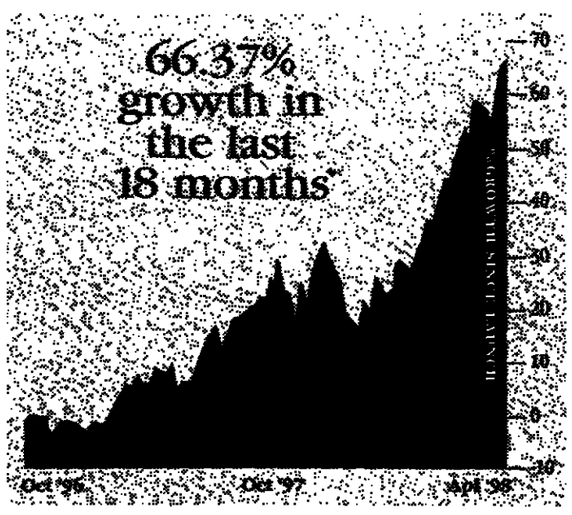
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Tourists set to cash in on rate rise windfall

With the value of the pound set to rise after Thursday's unexpected interest rate rise, football fans heading to France and holidaymakers venturing abroad will find their money goes further.

To capitalise on the huge demand anticipated for French francs, banks and travel companies have already launched special offers on foreign currency.

From this week, until September 19, Abbey National is offering a fee-free buyback service. Customers will be able to deposit their left-over currency notes and travellers' cheques back into their account without being charged commission or the standard £2 handling fee.

In addition, until August 29 the bank is offering commission free travel money to customers who purchase travel insurance or take out a bank account, a holiday loan or a credit card.

Abbey National said its Travel Money Service was only available to Abbey National account customers, other than at branches which display exchange rates and where the facility was available to any customer.

American Express Foreign Exchange Service said holidaymakers would find their pound would go further in Greece, Spain, and Portugal this summer because of the exchange rate.

The company promised that to mark the start of the World Cup on June 13 anyone buying currency at its kiosks on that day would not have to pay any commission.

Thomas Cook has a similar promotional scheme running today. Customers can get American dollars and French francs from any of its 385 travel shops until the end of today without paying any commission.

Thomas Cook said it would buy back leftover holiday money, whatever the currency, without charging commission so long as it was originally purchased from a Thomas Cook shop. This applies to purchases of £100 or more and to all travellers cheques.

The company also had some advice for souvenir hunters: football shirts retailing at around £40 in the UK can be bought for £25 in France.

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Shares that could be Cup winners

Caroline Merrell finds that beer and pizza stocks will be the winners in this month of TV watching

Are you sick as a parrot because you have failed to obtain tickets to the World Cup, or over the moon in anticipation of nearly a month of fancy footwork in France?

If you are one of the former, then you could add an extra piquancy to your enforced television viewing in the weeks ahead by buying shares that could benefit from the knock-on effects of the football competition.

Some companies can look forward to a bumper year, while others may see sales and productivity temporarily sag as the nation curls up in front of the television to watch the fortunes of the 32 nations in the tournament.

Stockbrokers believe that one of the biggest winners from the next few weeks of football frenzy will be the companies in the drinks business, such as Whitbread, Allied Domecq, Scottish & Newcastle and Bass, as devotees watch television, can in hand, or decamp to the nearest public house to compare the talents of Alan Shearer and Ronaldo Luiz Nazario de Lima.

Justin Urquhart Stewart, the managing director of Barclays stockbrokers, said: "Some of the takeaway food companies, such as Pizza Express, may do well also because fans will be glued to the television." The company itself said that it expected takeaway pizza sales to rise.

Mr Urquhart Stewart said that the success of a national team has a direct impact on productivity, in particular in high-tech companies and manufacturing companies where workers have to carry out repetitive tasks. Mr Urquhart Stewart said that inputting errors drop by around 1 per cent if a country's team does well.

Other companies that may benefit include the sports clothing retailers such as JJB, Blacks Leisure and JD Sports, and Hay & Robertson, which was instrumental in marketing the Ruud Gullit clothing range.

However, as Jeremy Batstone, of NatWest stockbrokers, points out, many of the relevant companies' shares are now priced at a level to reflect the anticipated increase in sales. Mr Batstone said: "It may now be too late to buy into the companies that will get a boost from the World Cup."

Mr Batsone says it could be worth trying to buy the shares of companies that are temporarily depressed by the football, such as Kingfisher, which specialises in the do-it-yourself market. DIY sales are almost certain to fall.

According to Damion Larkin, of the ShareCentre, one of the unexpected losers in the World Cup could be JD Weatherspoon, the pub chain. Mr Larkin said: "This is not without justification. Part of the company's success to date rests its outlets. This attracts a mature clientele, who can enjoy drinking and eating facilities in a quieter atmosphere. Needless to say your average football fanatic will not seeking that type of ambience."

be boosted also by the World Cup. Mr Larkin said: "Football shares stand to benefit from any surge in popularity in football generally, which is possible. However, it is unlikely to be so material as to

AN ANALYSIS OF SHARE PRICE MOVEMENT DURING THE EURO 96 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Key Dates	08.05.96	07.06.96	28.06.96	29.07.96
JJB Sports	233.5	283.5	265.0	253.0
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Hay and Robertson	55.5	62.0	68.0	61.0
BSkyB	452.0	430.5	440.0	495.0
Carlton Communications	467.0	484.0	518.0	450.0
Television Corporation	156.0	170.0	163.0	147.0
Bass	770.25	814.5	814.5	76.5
Whitbread	738.0	719.0	711.0	689.0
S&N	666.0	677.5	659.0	638.0
Greenalls	624.0	571.0	573.0	550.0
JD Wetherspoon	191.0	194.5	201.0	175.0
Man Utd	83.75	109.75	108.5	107.75
Granada	815.0	815.0	862.0	800.0
Ladbroke	191.0	182.0	180.0	186.0
British Airways	522.0	549.0	554.0	518.0
BAA	535.0	483.0	468.0	471.0

Mr Larkin said: "Our findings show that many of these companies are driven by the underlying market sentiment for their shares. Trading arising from football tournaments, acts as a bonus to trading figures rather than a significant boost to the share price."

Both the Share Centre and the NatWest stockbrokers warn private investors to beware of investing just to take advantage of any temporary rally from the World Cup.

Mr Larkin said: "Investors should choose companies with a good long-term track record, both in terms of their share price and profits performance. Then, having made a choice, any benefits from the tournament provides a bit of added excitement."

Those who can afford to take an extremely long-term view of investment could look further afield from the UK in an attempt to reap a reward from the World Cup.

The economy of Brazil, the favourite country to win, could be substantially boosted if the promise of its team is fulfilled. If you are willing to keep your money locked away for between five and ten years you could consider making an investment in one of the many Latin American investment and unit trusts available.

Season ticket loans exploit fan loyalty

Karen Woolfson examines how some football clubs profit from their fans' devotion

Football fans who have failed to get hold of World Cup tickets may now be consoling themselves with the prospect of getting club season tickets for the forthcoming season that kicks-off in August. However, those unable to pay the full amount upfront should think twice before being lured into expensive loan schemes offered by clubs in collaboration with finance companies.

The annual percentage rate (APR or true rate) being charged on season ticket loans varies between 22 and 30 per cent, more expensive than the rates payable on many credit cards and significantly more than rates on bank and building society personal loans.

The loan scheme rates often depend on the commission agreed between the football club and the loan company for introducing one of their members to a lender. Commission payments to clubs may be as much as 5 per cent.

Clubs taking part in the loan game include Arsenal, Manchester United, Aston Villa, Newcastle United, Everton, West Ham United and the lenders involved include Avco Trust, HFC Bank, The Associates, Premier Credit and Capital Bank.

The Football Supporters Association is unimpressed with the rates being charged. Sheila Spiers, vice-chairman, said: "They're exploiting the peculiar loyalty of fans and their desire to buy season tickets."

Nigel Hawkins, football analyst at broker Williams de Broe, added: "There's no doubt the obvious loyalty of football is pretty unusual and to that extent it can deflect an individual's financial judgment." He suggested that supporters should compare loans being offered through their clubs with personal loans from building societies and banks, adding that they would be "ill advised" to take one out purely on sentiment towards their own football club.



JOHN GILES

Sick as a parrot: your club loses and takes advantage on loans

West Ham United are offering season ticket loans to its supporters through Avco Trust, the consumer finance group, at an APR of a 29.8 per cent. If an adult buys a season ticket for the centre of the West Stand Upper at £580, they will be charged £65.25 per month over ten months bringing the total amount repayable to £652.50 — £72.50 more than the original price. Season tickets in the Bobby Moore Upper which cost £490 would trigger a monthly charge of £55.12 over ten months, putting the sum repayable at £551.20 — a £61.20 addition to the season ticket price.

Avco Trust is also offering loans through other clubs, such as Bradford City also at an APR of 29.8 per cent, Colchester at 26.8 per cent and Fulham at 22.4 per cent. A spokeswoman for the consumer finance group said: "The interest rates vary between 22 to 29 per cent depending on the commission the club takes."

HFC Bank has a deal with double winners Arsenal that attracts fans with catchlines on its credit application instruction guide such as: "Simple repayments, so you can budget each month while cheering on the Gunners."

The 22.4 per cent APR being charged means that supporters who want a season ticket for the central section of the upper tiers in either the West or East stands, priced at £806, would have to pay a monthly instalment of £102.46 including credit protection insurance that pays off the balance in a case of accident, sickness or unemployment. That makes the total amount payable over ten months £1,024.60, £218.60 above the original price.

HFC Bank is also offering loans through Sheffield Wednesday at an APR of 25.3 per cent, Sheffield United at 24.6 per cent and a number of others at 22.4 per cent including Aston Villa, Leeds United, Newcastle United, Everton, Manchester City and Leicester City. Patrick Long, spokesman for HFC Bank, said that the commission is negotiated on a club-by-club basis but that "about 5 per cent would not be far off" the mark.

By comparison, Liverpool Victoria, the friendly society, is offering a personal loan which can be used to buy a season ticket by football fans with an APR of 17.7 per cent for amounts between £500 and £2,999. For season tickets costing less than £300, it offers a credit card with an APR of 18.9 per cent and no annual fee which is an attractive deal.

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Small firms cry 'foul' over new relief rules

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Magnus Grimond on how CGT changes will hit small businesses

It has been dubbed a fat cats' charter. The Government's reforms of the capital gains tax system, part of the Finance Bill now wending its way through Parliament, are prompting cries of foul from small business representatives and advisers.

They say that the changes will mean millions of pounds in tax windfalls are directed at already mega-rich executives and entrepreneurs such as Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, while bringing hardship to thousands of risk-taking small business people who will see their tax bills shoot up. It is estimated that one million or more businesses could be affected. Their owners have inadequate pension provision and are relying on their business assets to provide a pension.

Their anger stems from plans unveiled by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, in his latest Budget to abolish retirement relief, stop index-linking taxable gains and introduce "tapered" CGT, whereby the rate of tax declines the longer you hold an asset.

Fine in principle, says Nick Goulding, head of policy at the Forum for Private Business, but together the measures could mean small businessmen who make gains of less than £500,000 when they sell up paying substantially more tax when they retire.

Under the old rules, someone selling a business with a gain of up to £250,000 was exempt from tax, provided he or she was over 50 or suffered from ill health and had owned the business for more than 10 years. The changes mean that in the future that businessman could have to hand over £25,000 to the Inland Revenue.

With the further abolition of the 50 per cent CGT reduction for gains between £250,000 and £1 million.

Maurice Fitzpatrick, tax partner at Chantrey Vellacott, the accountant, commented: "You have got the extraordinary position where a left-of-centre Government is changing the CGT rules to help the wealthy and penalise the small businessman."

And the Government's attempts to soften the blow by phasing-in the changes have attracted some of the sharpest criticism. While retirement relief will gradually reduce to zero over the next five years, the new tapering rules will not be fully in place for another nine years.

According to Richard Baron, tax guru at the Institute of Directors, this will create "a nasty hump" between the end of retirement relief in April 2003 and the full introduction of tapering four years later.



ALAN WELLER

Unrepentant: Geoffrey Robinson says removing retirement relief will make CGT fairer

"You could be getting an effective rate of tax of 60 per cent from the combination of the loss of retirement relief and indexation, without having the benefit of full tapering relief", he said.

Maurice Parry-Wingfield of Deloitte & Touche, the accountant, said: "This four-year desert will lead to some whimsical results. If you look at someone who makes a gain of £50,000 — that's a very small one — if he sells in 2002 or 2003, he pays no tax. If he delays it to 2003-04, he pays an effective rate of 22 per cent."

In response to these criticisms, the Government says it accepts that some people will have to pay more tax as a result of the shake-up. However, in a recent House of Commons debate, Geoffrey Robinson was unrepentant about the changes, arguing that removing retirement relief will make capital gains tax fairer.

"We do not think it right that people with substantial gains should pay no tax at all. I say that quite frankly. We do not see the logic, fairness or correctness of that arrangement; it is simply not fair to the vast majority of taxpayers who do not have capital gains."

An Inland Revenue spokesman added: "It is a question of the Government wanting to place emphasis on encouraging investments in businesses and looking at the current situation and deciding that retirement relief was quite narrowly targeted. The aim is to spread the Exchequer costs more widely through the tapering system."

And there are other supporters of the Government's moves. In spite of the defects of the new system, Mr Parry-Wingfield agrees that the benefits of retirement relief were limited to a narrow group.

Peter Hemington of BDO Stoy Hayward, the accountant, said business owners would have used tax planning anyway to avoid paying the full 40 per cent rate of tax, which he believed was unfairly high.

"For people who are genuine entrepreneurs, who develop value, I think the taper is "great. It's such a good idea. It is just a shame it can't come in quicker," he said.

But he agreed that the abolition of retirement relief has become the single biggest topic of conversation with entrepreneurs who come to him at the present time.

For a business with several owners valued up to about £20 million, it still remains the most important tax relief. He and other advisers detect a growing anxiety among small businessmen to cash in their chips while retirement relief is still available.

Business groups are already lobbying the House of Commons standing committee which is now debating the contents of the Finance Bill. The Institute of Directors is calling for some reduced retirement relief to be retained, while others, like the Forum for Private Business, want tapering introduced more quickly.

Opposition politicians already see the issue as a new embarrassment for a Government already under attack for hitting non-taxpayers with cuts in dividend tax credits.

Describing the CGT changes as a "fat cat's provision", David Heathcoat-Amory, shadow Treasury chief secretary, said they give all the wrong signals. He will be tabling amendments during the committee stage.

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Escaping a pension plan can be painful



Anyone taking out a pension plan today is advised not to contemplate any scheme which charges penalties on those who cease making contributions, either because they are out of work or have taken a job and have started a company pension scheme. Those who in the past have invested in this type of plan, have come to regret it. Richard Dale, a reader from West Sussex, is one such aggrieved policyholder.

"I was recently shocked to find that the value of my Legal & General self-employed pension plan had slumped without explanation over the past year. I took out the policy in 1988 after talking to a financial adviser, determined to make sufficient provisions for my retirement," he said. "This year's statement revealed my L&G fund had fallen to £4,369 in April from £4,808 the previous year. I estimated the fund should have been worth more than £5,000 by then so I felt angry and confused that it should have taken such a big knock. "The fund is invested 50 per cent in with-profits and the other 50 per cent is managed, but I am not aware of any falls in stock market values that could account for the downturn.

"I took a premium holiday from the L&G plan in 1992 when I joined my company pension scheme, soon after becoming a full-time employee with Commercial Union. The fund revealed steady growth for most of the years that followed, for example it was worth £3,877 in April 1994 and rose to a respectable £4,808 by July last year. My plan was notified as being paid up in July 1997 and I have assumed the fund will accumulate in value as it did when I was on a premium holiday. The charges cannot account for this slide in value.

Weekend Money replies: Under the terms of some plans, pension companies reserve the right to penalise customers who cease their contributions. The value of your fund has fallen because it was paid up in July 1997 which triggered a discontinuance charge of £1,084. Legal & General says that it has written to you explaining that unit-linked pension investment is a long-term one, and therefore a discontinuance charge is applied when regular contributions cease, as the contract has been broken.

Charges are made under plans like this one when they are paid up, in order to recoup the initial setting up expenses incurred. Normally these would be recovered from the contract over the full premium paying term, however, on early termination, all expenses are deducted in a lump sum.

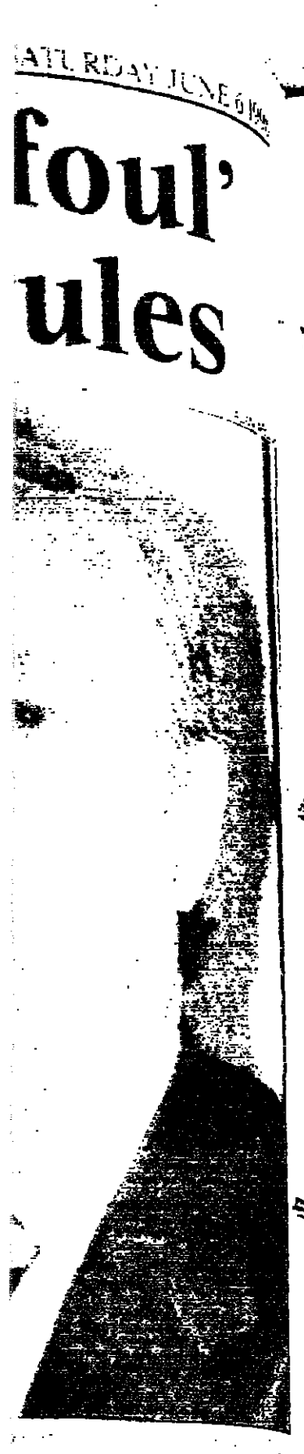
Tony Filbin, director of pensions development at L&G, confirmed to *Weekend Money* that the setting-up charges of these plans are spread over the full term. If a policyholder needs to stop contributions, they have the right to request a contribution holiday for up to five years which can be extended by agreement. If no further payments are made after this time the plan is made paid up in accordance with the policy conditions.

Legal & General emphasises that it would hold a plan open on receipt of a letter saying a policyholder thinks they may start paying contributions again at some stage in the future. The initial charges would then be spread over the term of the plan rather than being levied all at once.

You should write therefore to L&G asking the group to keep your plan open and to reimburse the fund with the one-off charge of over £1,000 levied when it was made paid up.

You could also use this as an opportunity to reassess all the provisions you have made for retirement, because job changes or of financial circumstances can make a significant difference to what is the best formula for you.

KAREN WOOLFSON



ANDREW HASSON



Richard Dale is angry at the fall in his pension pot after joining a company scheme

Ups and downs of avoiding annuity purchase too early

Helen Pridham concludes her series with an explanation of income drawdown plans

YOU AND YOUR PENSION

This summer marks the third anniversary of the introduction of income drawdown plans for personal pension policyholders. It will herald the first compulsory three-year reviews of plans to check that they can sustain the level of income being taken and remain suitable for investors' needs.

While some investors may be delighted with the results, others may be shocked to find their income has to go down.

Income drawdown schemes were designed to get around some of the snags of buying an annuity with your pension fund as soon as you reached retirement. Ronnie Lymburn, of the Income Drawdown Advisory Bureau, said: "Instead of having to lock yourself into an annuity, income drawdown allows you to defer this until as late as the age of 75. You can still take the tax-free cash and draw a flexible income from your pension fund in the meantime."

This route is not suitable for everybody. Mr Lymburn says only a small proportion of retired people use the schemes. Typical characteristics of those who do are that "they have a pension fund of £100,000 or more; they are not risk-averse and are not wholly reliant on the pension as the main source of retirement income — many will retain part-time paid employment or self employment or will earn an income from other investments." The risks of income drawdown should be fully explained to all policyholders but the Personal Investment Authority is only just on the point of issuing comprehensive sales guidelines. Some analysts believe these guidelines, which are due out later this month, have come three years too late. Although there appears to be no hard evidence of misselling in the meantime, John Moret, the head of sales and marketing at Winterhur Life, a leading provider of the schemes, points out "the temptation has clearly been present when a salesman has been able to earn five times more commission selling an income drawdown scheme than an ordinary annuity".

He feels that the regulator's new guidelines do not go far enough.

When income drawdown arrangements were first given the go-ahead by the Government in July 1995, annuity rates had fallen significantly and many retired people felt that if only they could delay their annuity purchase, rates might improve again. In the event, annuity rates have continued to fall and many experts now believe that they are likely to go on declining as long-term interest rates in the UK converge with the lower rates in the rest of Europe.

Today, few people would suggest going into an income drawdown plan in the hope that annuity rates might rise again. On the contrary, the main concern now is whether the value of the pension funds in these schemes will still be sufficient to purchase the same levels of annuity as they could have done at outset, after the deduction of charges and income withdrawals.

When a scheme is first taken out and at subsequent reviews, providers have to calculate the rate of growth required to maintain the annuity purchasing power of the fund. This is known as the critical yield. It can be up to 11 per cent a year according to the age of the policyholder.

But the maximum level of income you can withdraw from your scheme is determined by the Government Actuary's Department and is based on the average single-life annuity. The minimum is 35 per cent of that amount. Financial advisers, such as Robert Reid of Syndaxi, of North London, generally give warning against taking the maximum income to ensure that the fund is not eroded.

The actual growth of a fund will depend on the performance of the investments. In order to achieve the critical yields, most advisers believe investors have to be prepared to invest largely in shares. Choice of investments will vary according to which company's scheme are bought. Some offer their in-house investment funds only. Others provide a much wider choice, allowing investment in anything from unit trusts to direct holdings of individual shares and property. These self-invested-type schemes are recommended by many advisers because you are not restricted to one choice of investment.

Robert Reid, a financial adviser, says: "An annual review is essential and an agreed strategy in case the market moves in a certain way is also vital."

Those people who bought the first income drawdown plans three years ago and opted for equity investments should have done pretty well in view of the strength of the stock market. Even the main with-profits funds have produced returns of 10 per cent or more per annum over the past three years, though some advisers have questioned whether these funds will provide sufficiently high levels of growth in the long run.

However, it could be that despite an increase in an investor's fund, he may still have to accept a decrease in income when his scheme undergoes its compulsory three-year review, or he decides to convert to a conventional annuity, because annuity rates have fallen too far.

Nigel Webb, of Equitable Life, says that this may not be an investor's only consideration. "People who take out income drawdown plans do so for different reasons — maintaining their annuity purchasing power may not be their top priority — they may be more interested in the flexibility these schemes provide or the ability to vary their income if they are working part-time or in poor health."

If you are in poor health, a big attraction of the plans is that, unlike an annuity where your pension dies with you, the remainder of your fund can be left to your dependants if you die during a drawdown arrangement.

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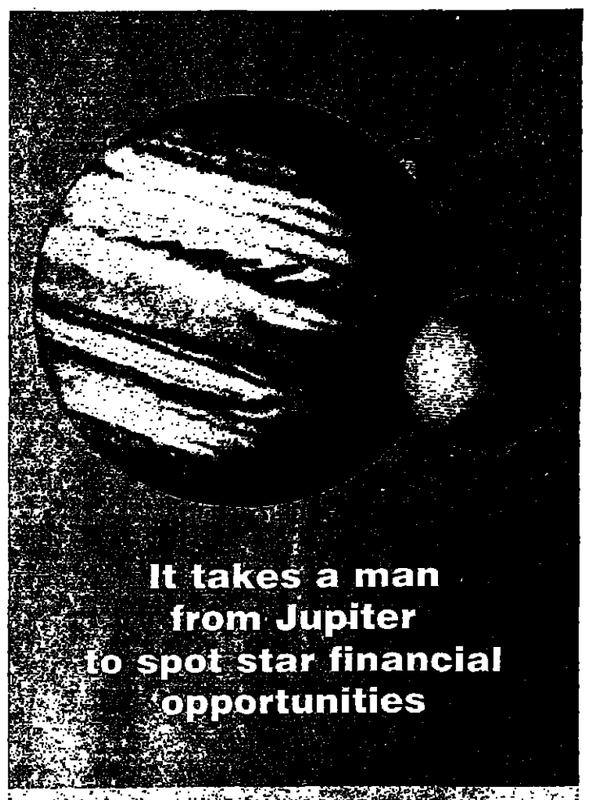
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Nationwide BS 0500 302011	Visa	0.68%N	8.50%N	Nil

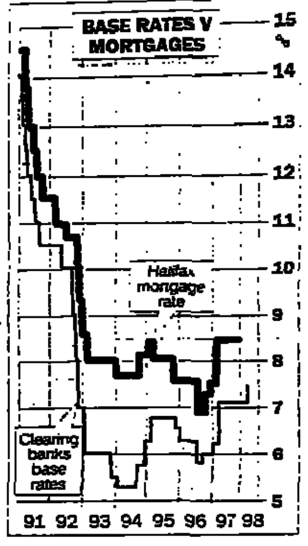
PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

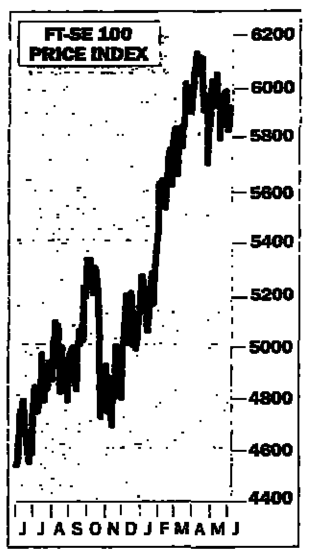
PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £5,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Northern Rock 0345 421421	9.90%H	£183.13	£166.11
Yorkshire Bank 0800 202122	12.50%	£190.33	£165.77
Direct Line 0181 680 9966	12.80%A	£183.75	£166.38

NB. A = Minimum age 22 years, B = Operated by post or telephone, C = no interest free period, F = Fixed Rate, H = If insurance not arranged APR 12.7 per cent, N = Introductory rate for a limited period, OM = Interest paid on maturity, P = Operated by Post, T = Operated by Telephone.

* RATES SHOWN ARE GROSS AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
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Source: MoneyFacts, the Monthly Guide to Investment & Mortgage Rates (01603 476747)





NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Gross rate	At tax rates 20%	40%	Min/maximum investmnt £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c[1]	2.00	1.60	1.20	10-10,000**		0645 645000
Investment A/c*6	4.75	3.80	2.85	1-499***	1mth	0645 645000
Income Bond*6	7.00	5.60	4.20	2,000-25,000**	3mth	0645 645000
First Opt Bond6	6.50	5.20	3.90	1-250k**		0645 645000
46th Issue Cert†5	4.80			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Children's Bond†	6.00			25-1,000	8day	0645 645000
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					0645 645000
Capital Bond6	6.00	4.80	3.60	100-250,000	8day	0645 645000
13th Ind Linked†3	2.25			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Pensnrs Bond S5 6	6.10	4.88	3.66	500-50,0005	60day	0645 645000

[1] first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free, inst accs for up to £100 [2] Unlimited additional hldgs for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and vble [3] Guaranteed when held for 5 years [4] 0.2% net bonus for £20,000+ [5] £100,000 if in addition to S1, S2, S3 and S4 holdings [6] Taxable but cred in full [7] £500-100,000 earn higher rates. **Tiered rates apply.

PENSION ANNUITIES

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann) Male:	Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Equitable Life.......Level	£ 8,512	£ 9,531	£10,928
Legal & General....Level	£ 8,414	£ 9,459	£10,778
Standard Life........Level	£ 8,336	£ 9,440	£10,880
Sun Life ....Level	£ 8,289	£ 9,428	£10,961
Canada Life ....Level	£ 8,273	£ 9,368	£10,856

SINGLE LIFE Female:	Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Equitable Life.......Level	£7,810	£ 8,552	£ 9,622
Canada Life ....Level	£7,607	£ 8,451	£ 9,667
Norwich Union.......Level	£7,646	£ 8,403	£ 9,621
Scottish Widows...Level	£7,590	£ 8,320	£ 9,390
Sun Life ....Level	£7,454	£ 8,283	£ 9,471

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Age 60 / Female: Age 55	Age 65 / Age 60	Age 70 / Age 65
Equitable Life.......Level	£7,435	£8,021	£ 8,842
Norwich Union.......Level	£7,213	£7,779	£ 8,523
Stalwart ....Level	£6,995	£7,741	£ 8,480
Legal & General....Level	£7,143	£7,719	£ 8,522
Sun Life ....Level	£7,043	£7,703	£ 8,616

Source: Annuity Direct (0171 684 5000)

Statistics compiled by Lizanne Rose

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME

Rates as at June 4, 1998

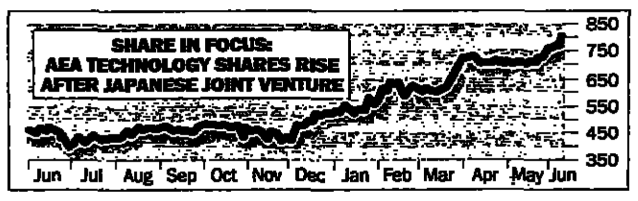
	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	5,000	GE Fin Assur	6.05
	10,000	GE Fin Assur	6.50
2 Years			
	3,000	ITT Lon & Edin	5.95
	10,000	Hambro Assured	6.00
	20,000	Hambro Assured	6.15
	50,000	Hambro Assured	6.20
3 Years			
	3,000	ITT Lon & Edin	5.95
	10,000	Hambro Assured	6.00
	20,000	Hambro Assured	6.10
	50,000	Hambro Assured	6.15
4 Years			
	3,000	ITT Lon & Edin	5.90
	20,000	Hambro Assured	5.95
	50,000	Hambro Assured	6.05
5 Years			
	3,000	ITT London & Ed	5.75
	50,000	Hambro Assured	5.75

Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-493 7900. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	136.50	6.87	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	165.75	7.01	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	184.25	7.06	100.20	10,000
Britannia	13.000%	184.50	7.05	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	174.00	6.97	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	165.75	7.09	100.25	10,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	190.50	7.02	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	159.00	6.76	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	185.75	6.80	100.45	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	188.25	6.84	100.48	1,000
PERPETUAL SUBORDINATED BONDS					
Chelt & Gloucester	11.750%	169.50	6.93	100.98	50,000
Halifax	8.750%	124.00	7.06	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	160.50	7.48	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.630%	197.75	6.89	100.00	50,000
Bristol & West	13.380%	186.75	7.16	100.34	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	178.00	7.09	100.14	1,000

PIBS=Permanent interest-bearing shares. *Source*: Greenwich NatWest



LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Bank of Scotland 0645 812812	0.00	no max	95	0% for 2 mths, 2% disc 10 mths
Northern Rock[1] *0845 6050500*	3.89	to £250k	95	Fixed to 1.9.00 *£395 fee*
Bank of Ireland 0800 109010	4.25	£200-500k	75	Fixed to 1.6.00
Alliance & Leic 0345 108108	4.85	£20-300k	80	Fixed to 1.8.00 0.5% fee, £300 max
Bristol & West 0800 119955	4.89	No max	90	Fixed to 1.6.00 £295 fee

NB. [1] compulsory products, buildings and contents insurance.

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Bank of Scotland 0645 812812	0.00	any	95	0% for 2 mths, 2% disc-10 mths
Mansfield 01246 202055	0.50	£25-175k	95	8% disc-6 mths, more dscs apply
Scarborough 0990 133149	0.99	to £250k	95	Fixed for 1 yr 0.75% loan fee
Leeds & Holbeck[1] 08000 725726	1.45	to £180k	95	7% dsc-6 mths, 1% disc-1 year
Staffordshire 01902 317485	2.25	to £250k	90	6% dsc to 1.6.99 £275 fee

NB. [1] Compulsory products, buildings and contents insurance.

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Bristol & West 0800 119955	3.49	no max	95	Fix to 1.6.99 £295 fee
Dudley 01384 231414	*5.20*	*to £150k*	95	3% disc-12 mths, more discs
Wesleyan Hm Lns 0121 2003003	5.35	to £100k	95	3.25% disc- 1 year
Halifax 01422 333333	5.65	no max	95	Fixed to 31.8.00 £195 fee
Alliance & Leic[1] 0345 108108	5.70	£20-300k	95	Fixed to 1.8.00 £150 fee

NB. [1] Compulsory products, buildings and contents insurance
Larger lenders, loans and first-time buyers tables by Blay's Guides Ltd (01753 880482)

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh. EH12 9SE 0131 339 9191				
Balanced	627.10	663.70	-0.40	
UK Equity	896.00	948.20	+1.40	
Property	485.30	513.60	+0.50	
Fixed Interest	380.00	402.20	-0.40	
Money	288.30	305.10	+0.30	
International	522.50	553.00	-1.80	
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Custodian S4	233.60	245.90	+0.50	
Ethical S4	209.10	220.20	-1.00	
International S4	245.70	258.70	-0.70	
Protected Gth S4	136.60	143.80	-0.20	
Asian Pacific	129.10	135.90	-0.70	
European S4	336.60	354.40	+2.80	
Prop Fd Ser 4	466.70	491.30		
Equity Ser 4	354.70	373.40	-0.90	
Man Ser 4	953.80	1004.00	-1.10	
Conv Ser 4	378.40	398.40	-0.40	
Money Ser 4	378.10	398.00	+0.40	
Fixed Int Ser 4	467.00	491.60	+0.30	
American Ser 4	929.30	978.20	-2.90	
High Inc Ser 4	1112.80	1171.40	+8.00	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	274.70	289.20	+1.50	
Japan Ser 4	230.50	242.70	-6.10	
Formerly Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd				
Security Fund	930.30	984.50	-0.30	
British Fund	972.90	1029.60	-2.00	
International	821.30	869.20	+4.40	
Dollar Fund	765.40	810.00	-4.80	
Capital Fund	767.40	812.10	+1.40	
Income Fund	1208.50	1278.90	+1.80	
Property Series A	596.20	630.90	...	4.40
Property Units	998.30	1048.30		
Financial Fund	1165.30	1233.20	-9.20	
Managed Ser A	838.10	886.90	+1.20	
Managed Units	1519.10	1599.10	+2.30	
High Yield Fund	1080.60	1143.50	-2.90	
Money Series A	334.60	354.10	+0.30	
Money Units	449.50	473.20	+0.30	
Equity Fund	980.60	1037.70	+1.80	
Fixed Interest	499.30	528.40	-0.40	
Indexed Secs	236.60	250.40	+0.70	
European Fund	1419.40	1502.10	+15.10	
Natural Res	242.10	256.20	-9.60	
Far East Fund	419.00	442.40	-16.20	
Smaller Cos	824.20	872.20	-1.80	
Special Sits	892.60	944.60	-5.80	
Man Currency	301.80	319.40	+0.40	
Japanese Tech	228.60	242.00	-7.20	
US Smaller Cos	543.60	575.30	-8.20	
Formerly Target Life Assurance Co Ltd				
Deposit	285.00	300.00	+0.20	
Financial Ser 1	95.70	100.80	-0.30	
Fixed Interest	421.00	443.20	-1.20	
Gold	61.10	64.40	-3.60	
Managed	914.50	962.70	-7.20	
Mngd Growth	294.70	310.30	-2.50	
Property	406.30	427.70		
Residential Prop	125.90	132.60		
TSB American	434.20	457.10	-8.10	
TSB Brit Gwth	1485.60	1563.80	-22.10	
TSB European	513.70	540.80	-3.90	
TSB Income	696.40	733.10	-9.20	
TSB Intl	615.80	648.20	-6.00	
TSB Pacific	289.60	304.90	-15.30	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	433.40	456.30	+0.60	
Equity Acc	2213.40	2329.90	+6.10	
Property Acc	797.50	839.50	+0.70	
Far East Acc	211.50	222.70	-14.30	
Managed Capital	751.30	790.90	+0.10	
-do- Acc	1655.40	1742.60	+3.00	
Overseas Acc	1656.00	1743.20	+2.00	
Gilt Edged Acc	664.50	699.50	-0.60	
Amer Equity Acc	1517.50	1597.40	-15.70	
Amer Man Acc	627.30	660.40	-7.50	
Amer Prop Acc	131.60	138.60	-0.70	
Distribution Bonds	29.50	31.40	+0.10	
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	195.70	206.00	...	
Balced Ser 6	1083.50	1140.60	-4.00	
Opportunity Ser 6	258.40	272.00	+0.40	
Distribution Ser 6	121.00	127.40	-0.10	5.79
UK Equities Ser 6	1708.10	1798.10	-3.00	
Higher Inc Ser 6	1824.70	1920.80	-3.90	
North Amer Ser 6	750.90	790.50	-6.50	
Far East Ser 6	391.10	411.70	-19.30	
Europe Ser 6	745.40	784.70	+5.70	
Intnl Ser 6	789.30	830.90	-4.20	
Property Ser 6	649.00	683.20	+0.20	
Fixed Int Ser 6	559.10	588.60	-0.10	
Ind-Lnkd Sec S6	235.40	247.80	-1.00	
Gteed Dep Ser 6	344.40	362.60	+0.30	
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	1478.30	1556.20	+4.80	
-do- Initial	863.80	909.30	+2.80	
Gilt Edged Acc	525.50	553.20	+1.10	
-do- Initial	309.70	326.10	+0.70	
International Acc	526.30	554.10	-0.60	
-do- Initial	308.20	324.50	-0.40	
Managed Acc	798.10	840.20	+1.20	
-do- Initial	469.10	493.80	+0.70	
Money Acc	335.80	353.50	+0.40	
Property Acc	361.60	380.70	-0.10	
-do- Initial	213.00	224.20	-0.40	
America Acc	547.10	575.80	-4.10	
Far East Gwth	132.90	139.90	-8.30	
Financial Acc	674.10	709.60	+2.20	
500 Accum	667.60	702.90	+3.80	
Japan Acc	167.90	176.80	-4.30	
Income Acc	859.30	904.60	+4.20	
Special Sits Acc	459.90	484.20	+1.70	
Univ Tech Acc	225.30	237.20	+0.10	
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	1206.61	1206.61	-1.65	
Income Fund	1226.33	1290.86	-3.95	
Extra Income	1104.86	1163.02	-6.87	
Worldwide Gth	703.56	740.59	-1.04	
Balanced Fund	1083.33	1140.35	-4.13	
Smllr Cos Recov	1276.61	1343.80	-0.22	
N Amer & Genrl	639.98	673.67	-7.73	
Pacific Basin	242.77	255.55	-9.92	
German Growth	420.50	442.64	-0.09	
Japan Growth	125.41	132.02	-2.91	
The UK Gth Fd	351.72	370.24	-1.09	
Contl Euro Gth	249.62	262.76	+1.29	
Property Fund	464.93	489.40	+1.31	
Fixed Interest	434.98	457.88	+2.50	
Cash Fund	323.05	340.06	-0.14	
Managed Inv	711.03	748.46	-1.26	
Nth Amer Recov	384.89	405.15	+4.23	
BRITANNIA 50 Bothwell St, Glasgow G2 6HR 0141 248 2000				
Measured Perf	252.60	267.30	-1.00	
Performance Plus	299.70	317.10	-2.60	
With Profit Perf	205.20	217.10	-0.20	
UK Opportunity	350.70	371.00	-0.60	
Euro Opportunity	414.10	438.10	+5.00	
North Amer Opp	325.70	344.60	-3.30	
Far East Opp	154.90	163.90	-6.10	
Gwth Prop Ser 1	191.00	201.10		
Gth Prop Ser 2	254.00	268.80	+0.10	
Fixed Int	271.20	286.90	+0.60	
Cash	183.90	193.40	+0.20	6.49
Overseas	345.50	365.50	-3.00	
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	529.20	557.10	-2.10	
UK Equity	1060.30	1116.70	-2.00	
Property	350.70	369.20	+0.20	
Money Market	289.90	305.10	+0.30	
Fixed Interest	393.90	414.70	+0.80	
Japan	251.90	265.20	-4.60	
North America	289.80	305.10	-2.90	
International	533.80	561.90	-4.60	
European	529.80	557.50	+6.40	
Far East	114.70	120.80	-4.50	
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Managed	493.50	519.50	+1.40	
Property	319.20	336.00	+0.20	
Gilt & Fxd Int	311.30	327.70	+0.50	
Equity	632.10	665.40	+2.10	
Cash	246.40	259.40	+0.20	
CLife Euro Mgd	648.30	682.50	+6.30	
CLife Intl Fd	415.00	436.90	+0.60	
Managed Fund	1053.60	1109.00	+2.80	
Property Fund	642.10	675.90	+0.70	
Equity Fund	1560.00	1642.10	+5.20	
Gilt Edged Fd	803.07	845.30	+1.20	
Deposit Fund	380.30	400.30	+0.30	
Investment Fd	708.80	744.20	+4.00	
International	660.60	695.40	-1.00	
Formerly Albany Life				
UK Equity	2496.60	2621.50	+14.60	
Merc European	732.40	770.90	+7.70	
Merc Fxd Int	661.70	696.50	+0.80	
Gtd Money	384.60	404.80	+0.40	
Mercury Intl Mgd	913.50	961.50	-12.00	
Merc Intl Fxd Int	398.40	419.40	-0.50	
Mercury Japan	186.00	195.70	-5.80	
Merc Nth Amer	575.50	605.80	-2.10	
UK Property	533.10	561.10	+0.60	
Merc Multip Inv	1495.40	1574.00	+5.20	
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 01908 606101				
Property Fund	228.40	240.50		
Managed Fund	968.30	1019.30	-0.40	
Equity Fund	622.00	654.80	-0.50	
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	432.00	454.80	-0.90	
Ruby	237.60	250.20	-0.40	
Emerald	183.30	193.00	+0.30	
Equity	550.50	579.50	-0.90	
Property	267.60	281.70	+0.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int	272.30	286.70	-0.20	
Indexed Secs	218.80	230.40	+1.10	
Cash	215.60	227.00	+0.10	
Nth American	421.20	443.40	-6.20	
Far East	222.00	233.70	-3.50	
International	322.50	339.50	-1.50	
Special Sits	623.30	656.20	+1.30	
Intl Income	520.10	547.50	+0.30	
European	659.50	694.30	+12.50	
Japanese	90.70	95.50	-1.70	
SE Asia	269.50	283.70	-11.30	
With Profits Reg	204.00	214.80	+0.30	
-do- Spec	204.00	214.80	+0.30	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	517.00	544.30	+0.70	
Equity	708.00	745.30	+3.10	
Property	257.10	270.70	+1.70	
Gilt & Fixed Int	364.30	383.50		
Index Linked	239.30	251.90	+1.40	
Cash	301.60	317.50	+0.30	
Nth American	538.20	566.60	-8.30	
Far East Amer	221.80	233.50	-6.70	
International Acc	408.30	429.80	-1.60	
Special Sits	966.30	1017.20	+2.40	
European Fnds	986.60	1038.60	+12.30	
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 01634 890 000				
(Unitised Fund 1	302.44	...		
-do- Pacemaker 1	478.29	...		
-do- Cash	230.88	243.03	+0.12	
-do- Equity	879.24	925.52	-17.62	
-do- Fxd Int	470.92	495.71	+2.59	
-do- Managed	607.01	638.96	-10.13	
-do- Property	489.31	515.06	+1.77	
(Pens) Cash Cap	222.39	234.10		
-do- Cash Inv	367.79	387.16	...	
-do- Equity Cap	2300.47	2421.56	...	
-do- Equity Inv	3804.58	4004.84	...	
-do- Fixed Cap	504.31	530.86	...	
-do- Fixed Inv	834.04	877.95	...	
-do- Index Cap	244.15	257.01	...	
-do- Index Inv	403.78	425.04	...	
-do- Mngd Cap	891.59	938.53	...	
-do- Mngd Inv	1474.54	1552.16	...	
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 0171 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5) ‡	1352.69	...	+8.90	
Var Ann (5) ‡	142.96	...	+0.81	
Prime: Managed	609.20	641.30	+3.70	
Prime: UK Equity	846.80	891.40	+8.90	
Prime: Intl Equity	388.00	408.50	-0.90	
Prime: Property	286.80	301.90	+0.40	
Prime: Fxd Int	295.30	310.90	-0.30	
Prime: Index-Lnk	217.50	229.00	+1.20	
Prime: Cash	236.60	249.10	+0.20	
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 01438 744840				
Managed Fund	1654.30	1741.30	+30.00	
Equity II	2643.50	2782.60	+55.60	
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham. GL53 7LQ. 01242 221311				
Life Funds				
Ut Wth Pfts (5&6) ‡	122.80	...	+0.10	
Secure (2) ‡	115.50	...	+0.10	
Managed (3) ‡	146.00	...	+0.80	
Equity Mngd (3) ‡	147.50	...	+0.90	
Adventurous (3) ‡	135.10	...	+0.40	
Bristol & West (2) ‡	117.90	...	+0.10	
Equity Mgd S1	356.00	374.80	+2.30	
Managed S1	349.90	368.40	-1.90	
Adventurous S1	276.20	290.80	+0.80	
Managed (2)	238.50	251.10	+1.30	
Eagle/Mid Uts	471.80	489.00	+1.40	0.01
Pension Funds				
Unit With Pfts (5) ‡	124.40	...	+0.20	
Secure (2) ‡	117.40	...	+0.20	
Managed (2) ‡	149.70	...	+0.90	
Equity Mngd (2) ‡	154.00	...	+1.20	
Adventurous (2) ‡	137.90	...	+0.50	
Bristol & West (2) ‡	120.30	...	+0.10	
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 01722 413366				
Managed	476.20	501.30	+1.70	
UK Equity	688.90	725.20	+3.70	
Stewardship	571.90	602.10	+4.00	
Overseas Equity	431.30	454.00	-1.00	
North American	271.10	285.40	-1.20	
Pacific Basin	110.70	116.60	-4.30	
European	490.60	516.50	+4.70	
Property	218.90	230.50	+2.20	
Fixed Interest	313.20	329.70	-0.40	
Index Linked	218.10	229.60	+1.40	
Cash	233.30	245.60	+0.20	
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Fixed Interest	694.00	730.50	-1.00	
Managed	1079.30	1136.10	+1.90	
Deposit	399.30	420.30	+0.30	
Property	611.10	643.20	-7.10	
American	768.70	809.10	-3.90	
Australian	623.30	656.10	-34.70	
European	1233.80	1298.70	+12.70	
Income Acc	1263.60	1330.10	+7.50	
-do- Dist	682.70	718.60	+2.10	3.97
International	461.60	485.80	+0.70	
Japan Smaller	243.60	256.40	-5.70	
Singapore & Mal	234.70	247.00	-12.10	
Tokyo Fund	508.10	534.80	-14.10	
UK Equity	965.90	1016.70	+1.10	
CCM Vanguard Mg	1137.10	1196.90	-4.80	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 0171 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	203.50	214.30	-8.90	
GT Plan Wwide	615.60	648.00	-5.80	
GAN LIFE & PENSIONS Gan House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 01279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	921.10	921.10	-2.00	
-do- Inv A	921.00	969.60	-2.10	
UK Equity	644.70	678.80	-0.90	
Gilt Plus	253.40	266.80	-0.50	
Managed	422.60	444.90	-0.90	
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier St, York YO1 1HR. 01904 628982				
Managed	313.60	330.10	+1.20	
Unitised Profit	174.80	184.00	+0.20	
UK Equity	494.70	520.70	-3.20	
Fixed Int	250.00	263.00	+0.20	
Index-Linked	210.80	221.80	+1.30	
Cash Deposit	200.20	210.60	+0.20	
Property	214.60	225.80	+0.20	
International	243.80	256.50	-0.20	
American	308.40	324.50	-1.50	
Japan	159.10	167.40	-2.40	
Japan Smllr Cos	165.50	174.10	-2.60	
European	335.00	352.50	+5.00	
Pacific Fund	164.10	172.60	-9.50	
Conv Life	207.30	218.10	+0.90	
Formerly Provident Mutual				
Managed Ord	717.00	754.70	+2.60	
Managed Initial	431.50	454.20	+1.40	
Equity Ord	1251.90	1317.80	+8.10	
Equity Init	753.40	793.10	+4.50	
I-Linked Gilt Ord	257.20	270.70	+1.60	
I-Linked Gilt Init	161.70	170.20	+0.90	
Ovsis Equity Ord	493.20	519.20	-0.40	
Ovsis Equity Init	296.60	312.40	-0.40	
Property Ord	333.70	351.30	+0.40	
Property Init	200.80	211.40	-0.10	
Fixed Int Ord	365.80	385.10	+0.40	
Fixed Int Init	220.10	231.70	...	
Deposit Ord	239.00	251.60	+0.20	
Deposit Initial	143.80	151.40		
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 0171 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	999.80	1041.50	...	
Managed Initial	649.90	684.20	-0.20	
-do- Acc	995.90	1048.30	-0.40	
Equity Initial	1097.50	1155.20	+2.40	
-do- Acc	1681.60	1770.10	+3.70	
Fixed Int Initial	541.70	570.20	-0.50	
-do- Acc	830.00	873.70	-0.70	
Intl Initial	570.10	600.10	-1.90	
-do- Acc	873.50	919.40	-3.00	
Nth Amer Initial	326.40	343.50	-4.60	
-do- Acc	455.10	479.00	-6.30	
Pacific Initial	130.50	137.40	-7.60	
-do- Acc	180.20	189.70	-10.60	
Property Initial	206.70	217.60		
-do- Acc	316.80	333.40	...	
Index-Lnkd Intl	193.30	203.50	+1.20	
-do- Acc	269.50	283.70	+1.60	
Deposit Initial	213.70	224.90	+0.20	
-do- Acc	327.40	344.60	+0.40	
Euro Initial	187.30	197.10	+2.70	
-do- Acc	241.30	254.00	+3.50	
HALIFAX LIFE LTD PO Box 285, York YO1 1YB 01904 611110				
Life Funds				
Foundation	38.72	40.76	+0.03	
Balanced	38.46	40.48	-0.04	
Opportunity	39.69	41.78	+0.04	
Deposit	27.32	28.76	+0.03	
Pension Funds				
Foundation S2	31.02	32.65	+0.04	
Balanced S2	31.08	32.72	+0.04	
Opportunity S2	30.50	32.11	+0.02	
Deposit S2	25.90	27.26	+0.04	
HAMBRO ASSURED Harbour House, Portway, Preston, Lancs PR2 2PR. 01772 840000				
Managed	253.60	266.90	...	
-do- Pens	337.70	355.40	-0.50	
UK Equity	300.70	316.50	+0.50	
-do- Pens	383.70	403.80	-0.10	
International	196.20	206.50	-1.40	
-do- Pens	221.40	233.00	-1.90	
Deposit	160.80	169.20	-0.20	
-do- Pens	199.00	209.40	-0.30	
For Hill Samuel see Abbey Life Assurance				
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 01727 48181				
Global Managed	860.90	906.20	+0.50	
Global Property	361.80	380.80	+1.30	
Global Fixed Int	681.20	717.10	+1.10	
Global Equity	951.00	1001.10	+0.20	
Global Cash	246.60	259.60	...	
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 01273 824000				
B Snc Lnkd Init	134.80	141.90	...	
-do- Acc	206.70	217.60	-0.30	
Brit Opps Inl	228.40	240.50	+0.30	
-do- Acc	314.90	331.50	-1.10	
Cash Initial	174.20	183.40	-0.40	
-do- Acc	333.20	350.80	-0.10	
Equity Initial	1053.90	1109.40	-0.90	
-do- Acc	2015.30	2121.40	-6.10	
Fixed Initial	410.70	432.40	-1.40	
-do- Acc	785.50	826.90	-0.50	
Index-Lnkd Gilt	159.70	168.20	-0.70	
-do- Acc	260.50	274.30	+3.60	
Intl Initial	381.50	401.60	-1.80	
-do- Acc	718.30	756.20	-1.30	
Managed Initial	654.10	688.60	-0.60	
-do- Acc	1250.80	1316.70	-2.00	
Property Initial	244.10	257.00	-0.60	
-do- Acc	466.90	491.50	-0.20	
LINCOLN The Quays, 101-105 Oxford Road, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1LZ. 01895 200 200				
Equity Units	£227.30		+123.50	
Property Units	3391.30	3569.70	-3.40	
Bal Bd Exec Unit	9746.40	£102.50	+8.90	
2nd Equity Acc	1068.70	1124.80	+6.00	
2nd High Inc Ac	1014.30	1067.60	-3.40	
2nd Property Acc	303.40	319.30	-0.70	
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	227.30	239.10		
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	674.50	709.90	-0.50	
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	304.10	320.00	-0.80	
2nd Deposit Acc	326.60	343.70	-0.30	
2nd Gilt Acc	392.20	412.70	-0.40	
2nd Amer Acc	1142.10	1202.20	-12.40	
2nd Intl Mny Acc	253.40	266.70	-0.70	
2nd Index Acc	259.80	273.40	+1.10	
2nd Far East Acc	211.60	222.60	-13.60	
2nd Global Acc	206.80	217.60	-1.00	
2nd Euro Acc	299.50	315.10	+2.90	
2nd Japan Acc	105.50	110.90	-3.80	
2nd Intl Cr Bd Acc	180.80	190.20	-0.50	
2nd Cap Gth Acc	197.90	208.20	+0.20	
ex-Laurentian				
Property	646.40	680.30	+0.60	
Managed	606.30	638.10	-0.50	
American	679.90	715.50	-7.50	
UK Equity Fd	776.00	816.70	+4.40	
Japan	116.20	122.20	-4.10	
Index-Lkd	232.70	244.80	+0.40	
High Yield	1409.90	1483.50	+4.70	
Money	464.00	488.40	+0.50	
International	464.70	489.10	-2.20	
Perpetual Active	438.60	461.60	+0.60	
Growth Acc	948.10	997.90	+0.90	
Gilt Edged	555.60	584.70	-0.60	
European	273.20	287.50	+2.60	
Far East	111.90	117.70	-7.20	
LONDON LIFE Spectrum, Bond Street, Bristol. BS1 3AL 0117 984 7777				
Equity ‡	1507.50	...	+11.50	
Fixed Interest ‡	578.90	...	-1.10	
Property ‡	517.50	...	+0.60	
Deposit ‡	343.50	...	+0.60	
Mixed ‡	887.20	...	+4.20	
Indexed Stock ‡	291.50	...	+0.70	
International ‡	359.70	...	...	
Equity A ‡	348.00	...	+2.70	
Fixed Int A ‡	255.60	...	-0.40	
Property A ‡	226.30	...	+0.20	
Deposit A ‡	200.90	...	+0.30	
Mixed A ‡	290.10	...	+1.40	
Index Stock A ‡	227.10	...	+0.50	
International A ‡	223.60	...	...	
Equity P ‡	1360.70	...	+12.40	
Fixed Int P ‡	806.00	...	-1.50	
Property P ‡	392.70	...	+0.60	
Deposit P ‡	416.70	...	+0.10	
Mixed P ‡	864.80	...	+4.20	
Index Stock P ‡	337.50	...	+0.80	
International P ‡	443.90	...	-0.50	
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 01392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap ‡	730.70	...	-1.70	
-do- Acc ‡	1430.00	...	-2.00	
Property Cap ‡	140.60	...	-0.10	
-do- Acc ‡	262.00	...	+0.20	
Fxd Interest Cap ‡	221.00	...	+0.40	
-do- Acc ‡	415.30	...	+1.10	
Equity Cap ‡	470.40	...	-0.90	
-do- Acc ‡	902.40	...	-0.90	
Internatl Cap ‡	271.80	...	-2.50	
-do- Acc ‡	514.60	...	-4.30	
Gtd Deposit Cap ‡	159.10	...	...	
-do- Acc ‡	296.80	...	+0.20	7.20
Flexible Cap ‡	448.90	...	-1.40	
-do- Acc ‡	856.80	...	-1.90	
Moneymaker Fd ‡	641.70	...	-1.30	
Capital Growth ‡	2932.50	...	-5.40	
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 01245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	705.20	740.60	-16.10	
Amer Rec Bond	820.20	861.30	-14.80	
Am Smlr Cos Bd	326.40	342.80	-9.50	
Australasia Bd	264.10	277.40	-17.40	
Commodity Bond	310.70	326.30	-10.20	
Deposit Bond Acc	416.60	437.60	+0.40	
Equity Bond Acc	2377.30	2496.20	+12.60	
European Bd Acc	782.70	821.90	+17.80	
Extra Yld Bd Acc	1260.40	1323.50	-6.00	
Gilt Bond Acc	584.70	614.00	+1.20	
Gold Bond Acc	116.90	122.80	-4.60	
High Yield Bond	514.60	540.50	+7.80	
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	264.00	277.30	+0.40	
International Bd	984.30	1033.60	-9.70	
Japan Bond Acc	145.60	152.90	-2.30	
Japan Sm Cos Ac	162.30	170.50	-1.60	
Managed Bonds	1299.00	1364.10	+3.10	
Prop Bond Acc	619.70	650.80	-7.90	
Rec Bond Acc	1273.40	1337.10	-6.00	
S East Asia Bd Acc	207.90	218.40	-10.40	
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 01903 204631				
UK Equity	354.80	373.50	+0.40	
UK Equity Acc	565.60	595.40	+1.00	
Special Sits	150.30	158.30	+0.70	
Special Sits Acc	239.60	252.30	+1.10	
North American	293.70	309.20	-3.30	
N American Acc	468.40	493.10	-4.70	
Pacific Basin	233.80	246.20	-9.30	
Pacific Basin Acc	372.80	392.50	-14.70	
Fixed Interest	332.10	349.60	-0.10	
Fixed Interest Acc	530.20	558.20	-19.70	
Property	204.20	215.00	...	
Property Acc	326.00	343.20	+0.20	
Deposit	157.80	166.20	...	
Deposit Acc	252.00	265.30	+0.30	
Managed	359.80	378.80	-0.60	
Managed Acc	528.50	556.40	-0.60	
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0117 9266 366				
Property	500.90	527.20	+0.50	
UK Equity	607.30	639.20	+0.80	
Gilt Edged	816.90	859.80	+4.30	
Interest Fund	463.90	488.30	+0.50	
Managed Fd	701.30	738.20	+0.20	
Intl Equity	789.00	830.50	-3.20	
North American	362.20	381.20	-3.00	
Far East	315.70	332.30	-11.30	
Intl Currency	288.40	303.50	-1.80	
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 0171 623 4200				
Managed	717.10	754.80	-0.80	
UK Equity	1092.80	1150.30	-2.80	
Overseas Equity	587.80	618.70	-4.30	
Americas	658.00	692.60	-4.20	
Far East	363.40	382.50	-19.70	
Property	250.60	263.70	-0.30	
Fixed Interest	509.10	535.80	-0.40	
Indexed Gilt	303.00	318.90	+1.90	
Deposit	252.00	265.20	+0.30	
NAT WEST LIFE ASSCE LTD PO Box 886, Trinity Quay, Bristol BS99 5LJ 0117 940 4040				
Growth Mgd Pens	204.70	215.20	+0.50	
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 01603 622200				
Managed Fund	2288.70	2409.20	+3.20	
Equity Fund	5508.50	5798.40	+18.10	
Property Fd	792.70	834.40	+3.80	
Fixed Int Fd	803.20	845.50	-2.40	
Deposit Fund	409.90	431.50	+0.40	
Intl Fund	359.20	377.10	-0.40	
OLD MUTUAL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 01256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	483.20	509.80	+3.70	
Fxd Interest Acc	321.20	338.90	+0.30	
International Acc	346.30	365.40	-0.20	
Managed Acc	323.30	341.10	+1.90	
Property Acc	233.40	246.30	-0.10	
Money Acc	176.80	186.60	+0.20	
Spec Mkt Acc	271.50	286.40	+0.80	
Japan Equity Acc	70.60	74.50	-2.70	
N Amer Acc	298.80	315.20	-1.70	
Pacific Acc	85.10	89.80	-5.20	
European Acc	365.90	386.00	-1.30	
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 01733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	152.80	160.90	+0.90	
Prop Acc (Gross)	395.00	415.80	-2.30	
Inv Equity	2155.30	2268.80	+1.90	
Inv Managed	1351.40	1422.60	-0.10	
Ret Managed	1575.70	1658.70	-1.80	
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 01199 578334				
Managed	532.20	554.40	-8.50	
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 0171 548 3278				
Managed Fund	1200.70	1263.90	+1.10	
Equity Fund	2806.30	2954.00	-7.20	
Intl Fund	857.90	903.10	-3.30	
Fixed Interest	737.20	776.00	+10.30	
Property Fund	572.50	602.70	...	
Cash Fund	420.60	442.80	-0.40	
Pacific Basin	227.60	239.60	-11.20	
N American Fd	520.60	548.00	-4.70	
Euro Fund	581.90	612.60	+5.70	
Balanced Fund	236.70	249.20	+0.20	
Strategic Fund	267.40	281.50	-0.10	
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 01733 390000				
Mult Grow (45) ‡	1151.80			
-do- Acc	602.52	634.22		
Op Prop	557.70	587.00		
Op Equity	1652.20	1739.20	-2.40	
Op High Yield	785.90	827.30	+0.70	
Op Managed	1203.50	1266.80	-3.30	
Op Deposit	453.00	476.80	+0.90	
Japan Smlr	118.90	125.20	-2.60	
Managed Gth	409.60	431.20	-6.80	
British	615.30	647.70	-6.10	
Global Bond	126.30	132.90	+0.20	
Gold Share	56.90	59.90	-5.50	
Japan	245.50	258.40	-6.00	
UK Smlr Cos	759.40	799.40	-29.50	
Mngd Growth	679.90	715.70	-8.30	
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 0151 239 3000				
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	580.40	610.90	-2.10	
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 01708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	110.40	116.90	+0.30	1.89
Deposit Fund (2)	441.00	460.30	+0.50	7.12
Gilt Fund	689.30	726.20	-0.40	6.86
Global Equity Fd	309.70	327.80	-1.70	
Property Fund (46)	140.70	148.90	...	6.47
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 0141 248 2323				
Equity	988.90	1041.00	-2.70	
Fixed Interest	474.70	499.70	-2.10	
Index-Linked	250.80	264.10	-2.90	
International	572.90	603.10	-0.70	
Property	363.70	382.90	...	
Cash	262.40	276.30	+0.20	
Managed	671.60	707.00	-1.50	
Cap Greed Bd	203.90	214.60	+0.20	
95% Safeguard	113.80	...	-0.40	
100% Safeguard	105.40			
Wealth Pres Cap	120.80	...	+0.30	
Wealth Pres Inc	4.40	...	-169.60	
BonusBond 1	112.40	...	-0.10	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 0131 556 9101				
Cash	210.15	221.21	+0.21	
Index-Linked	213.70	224.90	+0.40	
Fixed Interest	241.60	254.30	+0.30	
Mixed	396.20	417.20	+0.50	
UK Equity	401.10	422.20	+0.90	
International	373.50	393.30	...	
American	522.90	550.20	-1.30	
Japan	166.70	175.50	-3.70	
European	526.30	554.00	+4.00	
Pacific	239.30	251.80	-11.70	
Technology	697.80	734.50	+0.30	
Frgn Bd/Crrcy	254.20	267.50	-0.80	
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 0131 225 2211				
Property	276.40	291.10	+0.30	
UK Equity	643.80	677.80	-4.00	
American	451.80	475.60	-0.50	
Pacific	250.50	263.80	-11.40	
European	851.90	896.80	-11.80	
Global Mgd	388.30	408.70	-1.80	
Fixed Interest	318.20	335.00	...	
Index Linked	260.10	273.90	+0.30	
Deposit	226.30	238.30	+0.20	
Managed	432.00	454.80	-1.20	
Worldwide	146.70	154.50	-1.30	
Pen Worldwide	159.90	168.40	-1.70	
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 0141 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	2675.40	2758.10	...	
Safety Fund	322.00	338.90	+0.70	
Growth Fund	357.90	376.80	+0.90	
Opportunity Fd	364.80	384.10	+0.40	
Cash Fund	200.80	211.40	+0.30	
European Fund	675.30	710.90	+4.80	
Gilts & Fxd Int	277.00	291.60	+0.50	
Index-Linked Fd	234.80	247.20	+0.60	
International Fd	379.60	399.60	-1.30	
North American	448.90	472.50	-3.60	
Property Fund	139.00	146.40	...	
UK Equity	428.90	451.50	+2.20	
UK Smaller	375.80	395.60	-0.60	
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 0131 556 9181				
Mixed	415.40	437.40	-1.40	
Equity	494.60	520.70	-0.90	
International	364.10	383.30	-5.10	
Property	279.80	294.60	+0.30	
Fixed Interest	339.70	357.70	+3.90	
Index Linked	238.10	250.70	+1.50	
Cash	213.20	224.50	+0.80	
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	1227.80	1306.20	-9.30	
Cash Fund	388.90	409.80	+0.30	
Property Fund	362.40	381.90	...	
Equity Fund	1230.30	1308.80	-11.60	
Fxd Interest Fund	658.70	694.10	+3.10	
International	516.10	549.10	-5.20	
High Income	1247.40	1327.10	+3.40	
Far East	411.60	437.90	-15.90	
North American	952.00	1013.80	-19.90	
Special Sits	1166.60	1241.10	+2.60	
Technology	1177.70	1252.90	-27.10	
Extra Income Fd	662.30	704.60	-1.90	
Gilt Fund	568.00	604.30	+0.40	
European	278.20	296.00	-1.20	
Adventurous Mgd	294.10	310.00	-2.80	
Secure Mgd	214.10	225.70	+0.40	
Equity Inc Dist	174.40	183.80	-0.30	4.15
Managed Dist	144.60	152.40	+0.30	4.84
Henderson Investment Bonds				
UK Equity Fd	519.40	552.60	+0.90	
North America	598.50	636.80	-6.40	
Far East Fund	393.70	418.90	-14.30	
Global Managed	678.30	721.70	-0.50	
Deposit Fund	262.40	276.30	+0.40	
Prime Residential	150.80	158.80	+0.20	
European Fund	516.80	549.80	+4.10	
Fixed Interest	69.40	69.50	-0.40	
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 0131 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	1616.90	1616.90	+6.70	3.36
Inv Pol 2	1456.60	1533.30	+6.10	
Inv Pol 3	1367.70	1439.80	+5.20	
Inv Cash	364.30	383.60	+0.40	
Mixed Fund	684.90	721.10	+5.80	
Equity Fund	929.50	978.60	-12.50	
Property Fund	322.30	339.40	-0.90	
International Fd	626.90	660.00	...	
Fixed Interest Fd	502.00	528.50	-1.50	
Indexed Stock Fd	259.30	273.00	+1.30	
Cash Fund	265.90	280.00	+0.30	
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 01703 334411				
Managed Acc	588.30	619.10	-2.90	
Equity Acc	805.10	847.40	-18.60	
International Acc	428.40	450.90	+1.10	
Property	270.80	285.00	+0.20	
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO Standard Life House, 30 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH1 2DH 0131 225 2552				
Cash	311.10	327.50	+0.30	
Equity	1826.80	1923.00	-9.00	
European	284.20	299.20	-2.30	
Far East	130.00	136.90	-4.50	
Fixed Interest	531.80	559.80	+0.40	
Index Linked	276.00	290.60	+0.50	
International	776.60	817.50	-2.20	
Managed	1087.10	1144.60	-3.90	
Nth American	252.20	265.50	-3.30	
Property	447.30	470.80	+0.50	
Pensions				
Cash	507.30	534.10	+0.70	
Equity	2915.20	3068.70	-17.30	
European	392.70	413.40	+1.60	
Far East	95.20	100.30	-4.00	
Fixed Interest	789.20	830.80	-0.90	
Index Linked	404.90	426.30	+0.90	
International	1152.20	1212.90	-8.90	
Managed	1651.10	1738.10	+0.70	
Nth American	357.70	376.60	-4.50	
Property	696.90	733.20	-2.50	
Stock Exchange	368.60	388.10	-0.60	
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 01403 232323				
Managed Fund	1112.70	1171.30	-3.60	
Equity Fund	1609.60	1694.30	-0.90	
Fixed Interest Fd	547.80	576.60	+0.30	
Index-Linked Fd	428.60	451.30	-4.20	
Property Fund	606.30	638.20	-0.70	
International Fd	1015.60	1069.00	-15.70	
N American Fd	535.00	563.20	-1.40	
Far East Fund	181.80	191.40	-6.50	
Deposit Fund	349.00	367.40	-0.20	
Intnl Bd 1'	£140.60	...	-270.00	
Worldwide Bond	176.50	185.80	-0.20	
European	361.60	380.60	+6.10	
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	1130.30	1189.80	-3.50	
Ebor Phoenix Eq	759.90	800.30	...	
Property Growth				
Property Fund ‡	714.80	...	+0.80	
-do- Acc ‡	658.30	...	+0.70	
Agricultural Fd ‡	964.30	...	+1.00	
-do- Acc ‡	915.50	...	+0.80	
Abbey Nat Fd ‡	525.90	...	-0.70	
Abbey Nat Acc ‡	549.20	...	+0.60	
Investment Fd ‡	600.30	...	-1.80	
Investment (A) ‡	573.10	...	-1.70	
Equity ‡	2382.50	...	-0.90	
Equity Acc ‡	2262.20	...	-1.00	
Money Fund ‡	565.90	...	+0.50	
-do- Acc ‡	536.60	...	+0.40	
Actuarial Fd ‡	990.10	...	-3.50	
Gilt-Edged Fd ‡	516.80	...	+0.40	
-do- Acc ‡	516.80	...	+0.40	
Retire Annuity ‡	1527.90	...	-1.80	
Immed Annuity ‡	301.00	...	...	
Bldg Soc Life ‡	264.10	...	+0.30	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 01256 841414				
Growth Acc ‡	2497.90	...	+14.50	
Managed Acc ‡	1340.00			
Equity Account ‡	2135.80	...	-18.80	
Mngd Fund Acc	600.00	631.50	-5.90	
Equity Fund Acc	915.50	963.70	-8.50	
Prop Fund Acc	339.10	357.00	+0.40	
Fixed Int Fd Acc	427.20	449.70	+1.90	
Money Fund Acc	254.90	268.40	+0.30	
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	262.20	276.00	+1.90	
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Pens Mngd Acct	1428.60	1503.80	-21.70	
Pens Guarantee	335.30	353.00	+0.60	
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Pens Fixed Int	434.00	456.90	+5.50	
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Pens Money	285.80	300.80	+0.30	
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SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0117 9426911				
Managed Acc	1327.80	1397.70	-4.90	
Property Acc	495.40	521.50	+0.20	
Equity Acc	2498.10	2629.60	-4.40	
Fixed Int Acc	546.20	575.00	-0.10	
Cash Acc	360.80	379.80	+0.40	
Amer Equity Acc	687.90	724.20	-6.00	
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Pacific Acc	240.30	253.00	-14.30	
Far Eastern Acc	539.00	567.40	-26.50	
International Acc	747.80	787.20	-3.90	
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Managed Fund	430.80	453.50	...	
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Money Fund	232.90	245.20	+0.20	
Equity Fund	593.90	625.10	-0.40	
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Intl Growth	100.00	100.00	-0.40	
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 01952 292929				
Managed Bond	1064.90	1120.90	-0.80	
Money Fund	368.50	387.80	+0.40	
Equity Fund	1068.70	1124.90	+1.50	
Fixed Interest	368.50	387.80	-2.20	
Property Fund	460.00	484.20	+0.80	
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	880.80	927.10	-4.40	
Income	1234.00	1298.90	+1.70	
International Gth	853.10	898.00	+0.70	
Capital Fund	927.50	976.30	+1.30	
Recovery Fund	630.90	664.10	-2.70	
Japan & General	171.10	180.10	-3.50	
Formerly AEtna				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	20.98	22.08	+0.02	
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Owl	34.26	36.06	+0.02	
Bull	27.18	28.61	-0.02	
Stag	26.51	27.90	-0.11	
Gilt Edged	24.27	25.54	-0.15	
Deposit	18.05	18.99	+0.01	
Pensions				
Squirrel	29.88	31.45	+0.04	
Bear	45.68	48.08	-0.19	
Owl	51.46	54.16	+0.03	
Bull	38.49	40.51	-0.01	
Stag	37.81	39.80	-0.05	
Gilt Edged	33.01	34.74	-0.23	
Deposit	24.46	25.74	+0.03	
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund ‡		903.69	-0.69	
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UK Equity	593.42	624.65	-0.82	
N Amer Equity	470.46	495.22	-2.34	
Far East Equity	257.42	270.96	-12.92	
Fixed	389.15	409.63	-2.22	
Cash Deposit	237.85	250.36	+0.25	
Property	195.98	206.29	+0.28	
Special Opp	315.04	342.14	-2.25	
Managed	473.74	498.67	-0.41	
Index-Linked Fd	239.46	252.06	+0.32	
Formerly Crown				
Life Mangd Acc	884.30	930.80	-0.80	
Life Fxd Int Acc	486.50	512.10	-2.80	
Life Equity Acc	1410.10	1484.30	+1.90	
Life Money Acc	346.20	364.40	+0.30	
Life Inv Tst Acc	1164.00	1225.20	-1.10	
Life Intl Acc	603.20	634.90	+0.50	
Life High Inc Acc	1372.70	1444.90	-1.20	
Life Property Acc	308.10	324.30	+0.50	

WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

UK support should be withheld

From Mr John Battersby
Sir, The European Commission is proposing a 20 per cent withholding tax on bank interest. I do not believe this is a measure the UK Government should support.

The UK has no need for such protection because in most cases it already imposes a withholding tax of 20 per cent on such interest unless the recipient is able to certify that he or she is not ordinarily resident for tax purposes in the UK. If the proposal were to be adopted, and the UK were required to deduct tax, this would be a useless piece of bureaucracy. The UK has tax treaties with all the other member states, except for residents of Belgium, Italy, Portugal and Spain who would receive different repayments of up to half of the tax withheld. Thus from the UK perspective, the proposal gives added cost but no additional defence to counter evasion and could lead to residents of those countries moving their funds outside the UK to avoid engaging in this unnecessary paper chase.

The Commission's proposals no doubt reflect wider anxieties about what they see as undesirable tax evasion. It may be that the remedy lies in revisiting the domestic legislation and tax collecting structures of the member states affected rather than in seeking to impose requirements on other states. In particular, the very special position of the UK offshore islands is not something that the UK Government should be prepared to try to overturn without the strongest of reasons, even if it is legally and constitutionally able to do so.
Yours faithfully,
JOHN BATTERSBY,
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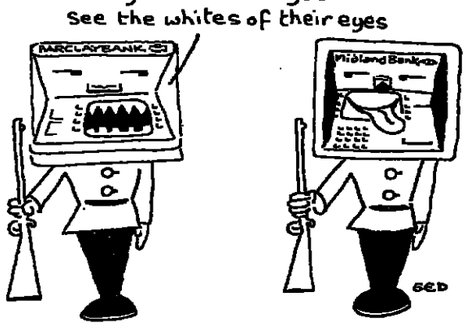
Tax credit cut hits us hard

From Mr Geoffrey C.K. Pugh
Sir, May I thank Anne Ashworth and Magnus Grimond for highlighting the effect of Gordon Brown's decision to remove tax credit from dividends on pensioners such as my wife and myself.

Between us we have a joint income of less than £10,000. We own our house, drive a car, live modestly. Holidays are possible only if friends lend us a place. Cheshire has now seen fit to raise our council tax by 16 per cent.

Apart from the state pension, towards which I contributed, we do not qualify for Government handouts, nor do we wish to. But the prospect of losing 20 per cent of our modest investment income makes us wonder how we shall manage. More belt-tightening — unless, of course, the Chancellor heeds *The Times*' suggestion, that, for pensioners such as ourselves, he restores the concession. We pray he will.
Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PUGH,
1 Mews Cottages,
Chester Road, Kelsall,
Tarporley, Cheshire,
CW6 0RT.

Short shrift for the zealous



From Mr Christopher Clift
Sir, Were I Mr Martin Benson (Days of give and take at Barclays, Weekend Money Letters, May 30) with a current account "in credit for many years", and been charged interest at 26.4l per cent for an "unauthorised overdraft", the chief executive of Barclays Bank would have had the sharp edge of my tongue, to reinforce my disgust at such cavalier treatment. I doubt, too, whether Barclays would have my continued custom.

Surely it is time that banks ceased programming computers to apply charges the instant customers operate their accounts outwith the parameters agreed with their branch, and returned to monitoring accounts manually, the type of service I, and others, took for granted, and received when we opened our accounts.
Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER CLIFT,
449 Reddings Lane,
Birmingham, B11 3DF.

Are AVCs a waste of time?

From Mr Ian Barker
Sir, I am beginning to wonder why I am paying into an AVC scheme. On retirement the only thing I shall be allowed to do with it is buy an annuity, I won't be able to take a lump sum or draw down income. Annuity rates seem to be continuously falling, the scheme seems to represent decreasing value for money.

Any annuity income would be taxable despite tax-free contributions and growth. Would I be better to accept the payment of income tax on present earnings but invest in a Pep, from next year an Isa, and accumulate a fund which I would control and could draw money tax free? Alternatively could not the Treasury acknowledge the decreasing returns on annuities and permit lump sums as with personal pension schemes or even alternative vehicles for investing AVC funds?
Yours faithfully,
IAN BARKER,
32 Moorside, Sheffield.

Better late wins than never

From Mr Brian Lever
Sir, Can I add a postscript to the letter from Mr V. Sumner (Weekend Money, May 16) about the ability of executors to cash in Premium Bonds before having obtained probate of an estate.

Premium Bonds also remain eligible for prize draws for up to 12 months following a death. I have dealt with a number of estates where posthumous prizes have been won by the deceased during this 12-month period — often more than he/she had won during a lifetime.
Yours faithfully,
BRIAN LEVER,
Leslie M. Lever & Co.
Solicitors,
25-27 Barton Arcade,
Deansgate,
Manchester,
M3 2BB.

National Savings annuities?

From Mr R.A. Green
Sir, I suggest that a suitable new product for National Savings would be a pensions annuity.

The falling rates offered by the present suppliers seem ripe for some competition and, after the devastating raids by the present Government on the pensioners' funds, a government-backed annuity could help somewhat to redress the equity.
Yours faithfully,
R. GREEN,
High View,
Lilly Hall Road,
Maltby,
Rotherham,
South Yorkshire,
S66 8BE.

Call for apology from Midshires society directors

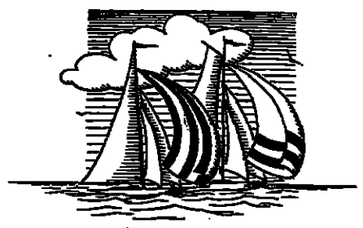
From Mr Keith Chambers
Sir, If, as seems likely, members of the Birmingham Midshires Building Society will have to wait until next year before the future of the society (and their tied-up money) is known, and after having had at least £5 million and perhaps a further £10 milliion of their money thrown down the drain as "compensation" for the failed Royal Bank of Scotland bid, may members now expect the directors to apologise by donating their demutualisation entitlements to the members' pool or to a charity?
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19 Hill Road, Oakley,
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Fears over boom in high-risk loans

Barely two months since the Government gave lenders until 2000 to prove they can regulate themselves properly, a new mortgage scandal is brewing. The sector in question is the rapidly expanding market in home loans to the self-employed and the credit impaired. These are known as "non-status" borrowers. Experts fear a 1980s-style lending free-for-all is developing, in which vulnerable borrowers will fall into debt.

In the past, high street banks and building societies wrote off as too risky borrowers without a full-time job or who had a history of bad debt. They left this "niche" market to specialist, mostly US-backed, companies which have charged borrowers anything between 10 per cent and 18 per cent variable interest rates on their loans.

Prompted by the specialists' success, and the ability to charge higher interest rates than the the standard variable rate, the high street lenders have now had a change of heart. Abbey National, the Woolwich, Chelsea Building Society and Britannia Building Society have launched loans tailored to the self-employed and the credit impaired with rates between 8.7 per cent and 10 per cent.

Observers say the increase in the promotion of "self-certified" mortgages is proof that easy credit is too widely available. These loans were originally designed for self-employed people who did not have the traditional means of verifying this. Instead of insisting on seeing an accountant's certificate or bank statements, lenders would take the borrowers' word that repayments would be forthcoming.

In the past 18 months, however, almost all specialist lenders have started offering "self-certified" loans to borrowers in full-time jobs — the very people who do not need them.

Now anyone can get a mortgage no matter how many county court judgments or arrears they may have against them. Unlike conventional loans, no employers' reference, P60 or payslips are necessary. This directly contradicts recent guidelines issued by the Office of Fair Trading which insist that lenders check that borrowers can afford the mortgage.

The new lenders say their products are for borrowers with several jobs or whose income consists largely of tips or cash bonuses which they do not want to declare to the Inland Revenue.

But Chris Fleetwood, the marketing director of Jim White's Mortgage Solutions, a Bournemouth broker, says the new loans are dangerous: "Anyone who is employed and wants to self-certify either can't afford the mortgage or has something to hide."

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Database exposes false claims to bank

Anyone tempted to be the slightest bit economic with the truth when applying for a bank account may now want to think twice. Banks are deploying increasingly sophisticated methods to weed out applicants who try to hide a record of bad debts.

NatWest Bank this week claimed to have saved about £5 million in the past 12 months by using new technology to assess the creditworthiness of would-be customers — some of whom turned out to be sitting atop a mountain of unpaid, and largely undeclared, debts.

The Detect system, implemented in virtually all NatWest branches, is linked to a large database of county court judgments (CCJs), run by Experian, a credit-reference and information systems firm. Using "fuzzy logic", the system matches names and addresses to CCJs and records of bad debts.

Among the would-be fraudsters detected by the NatWest system was a Co Durham man who claimed to be a police officer. The database revealed two previous addresses, 29 CCJs and bad debts totalling £30,649 against the man and his wife. His application for a current account was rejected.

The fraudster with the highest debts was someone who applied for a £100 cheque guarantee card in Devon. Two previous addresses disclosed unpaid debts totalling £122,060. Another individual attempted to add four family members to his business account, even though they all had CCJs against their names.

NatWest says that other lending organisations benefit from the Detect system because a current account is the passport to other lines of credit. Ivor Godfrey-Davies, a NatWest spokesman, said: "It is almost impossible to get a credit card or loan without a current account."

For people with a poor debt record, there is no quick or easy solution to their problems. CCJs, and Scottish Decrees, lie on file for six years from the date of judgment, although payment of the debt can lead to an amendment of the judgment as "satisfied". Many turn to the non-status lenders, who may charge much higher rates on their loans.

Now other high street institutions are interested in the Detect system, but honest applicants need have no fear nor suffer delays through additional vetting.

RICHARD MILES

Clare Stewart looks forward to an exciting weekend sale at Christie's

A three-day garage sale with a slight difference

As garage sales go, they do not come much better than this. Spink & Son, the London fine art and coins auctioneer and dealer, is clearing out its basements and the contents will be going under the hammer at Christie's the fine art auctioneer, in a three-day weekend sale starting on Friday June 19 and continuing on Saturday and Sunday.

It will the first such sale held over a weekend in London by Christie's South Kensington and there promises to be much to tempt collectors, with many unusual pieces among the 1,600 lots, with prices ranging from less than £100 up to £10,000.

Spink, which is best known for its coins, medals and stamps business, was acquired by Christie's in 1993. It has decided to sell off excess stock from its storerooms, some of which has been languishing unseen for many years, as part of its strategy to refocus on the top end of market in areas such as Oriental art and British pictures.

Oriental and Islamic art makes up the main part of the sale, and these items will be sold on the first two days of the sale.

Among the items highlighted by Nader Rasti, head of European and Oriental ceramics at Christie's, is a selection of delicately painted folding screens from Japan and Korea, which start at about £500.

"There is also a lot of jade, ranging from pieces which are 2,000 years old to 20th century pieces, and including figures, jewellery and carvings," Mr Rasti said.

Collectors of ceramics will also find much to interest them. Among the items expected to fetch the highest prices is a large late Ming blue and white porcelain jar, with an estimate of £2,500 to £4,000.

For more modest budgets, a pair of Chinese blue and white bowls, decorated with lotus flower patterns is estimated to fetch £400-£600 while there is a selection of Korean celadon ware with its distinctive sea green colour, ranging from £100 upwards. The range of more than 150 ceramics lots spans dishes, ginger jars, vases and bowls together with pottery figures of people and animals.

Textiles are also included among the Oriental, Tibetan and Islamic items being sold by Spink. "There is an unusual selection, ranging over a large time span, from the 12th century to near-contemporary 20th century pieces," said Patricia Frost, an associate director and a specialist in Oriental and Islamic textiles at Christie's.

Among the modern items, are panels with designs by Sir Eduardo Paolozzi and John Piper, while there are also examples of 18th and 19th century woven and brocaded silks and velvets.

Many of the textiles are priced below £500, but among the examples expected to make a higher price is a Tibetan thanka, an elaborately embroidered religious hanging dating from the 18th century and expected to fetch £2,000-£4,000.

For true connoisseurs, a purple silk hanging brocade with a gold motif of a hare among flowers dating from the Liao dynasty (907-1125) has an estimate of £4,000 to £8,000.

Because many of the lots have been displayed in exhibitions, they are, said Ms Frost, ready to hang on a wall, as they are already framed with silk mounts. Such examples, she added, do not also have to have glass as protection, though they should not be hung in direct sunlight.

The sale of pictures, watercolours and drawings on Sunday June 21, presents something of a contrast to the lavish silks and decorative porcelain of the first half of the sale.Among the 20th century prints are works by John Piper, Paul Nash and Philip Wilson Steer, while many of the earlier paintings, reflect the Victorian appetite for the grand European tour, the antiquities of the Middle East and the exotic lure of the Orient.

Three works by Edward Lear, showing scenes in Italy and Greece are included, with £2,000-£3,000 being the highest estimate for one of the watercolours, while *Portrait of an Arab*, by Royal Academician Frederick Goodall, is estimated to fetch £2,000-£3,000.

There is also a selection of society portraits from the 18th and 19th centuries in watercolour and among the oil paintings, the highest estimate of £5,000 to £7,000 is for a portrait of Edward Cotsford by Lemuel Francis Abbott (1760-1803).

Viewing for the sale at Christie's runs from Monday June 15. For further details, contact Christie's on 0171-581 7611 or on the Internet on http://www.christies.com



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Loan redemption penalties likely to go

Home owners face higher mortgage payments following the Bank of England's shock decision to increase base rates after the Monetary Policy Committee meeting this week. However, in the future, borrowers could be freed from the onerous redemption penalties that are currently the price to be paid for a fixed or discounted-rate loan.

Halifax, the UK's largest lender, while expressing surprise at the rate rise, said: "We have no immediate plans to increase rates." However, all five of the previous base rate rises since the election have been followed by mortgage rate rises by the Halifax. Its variable rate currently stands at 8.7 per cent — the highest mortgage rate for five years.

Monthly interest on a £50,000, 8.7 per cent mortgage is £360 per month. A 0.25 per cent increase would put an additional £14 on the monthly bill. If rates are increased, then someone with a £50,000 mortgage faces paying nearly £700 more a year in interest than a year ago.

Although the base rate rise is bad news for the millions of people with variable-rate loans, fixed-rate loans remain unaffected. The rates on fixed loans are linked to those on the money markets, where dealers take a position on the long-term outlook for interest rates. As the market considers that rates are at their peak and could fall, then fixed loans continue to offer good value. Mortgage brokers are urging all those planning to take out a mortgage to consider taking out a fixed or capped-rate mortgage.

Ian Darby, of John Charcol, the mortgage broker, said: "It would take a reduction of 2.5 per cent in the base rate to see a standard variable rate of 6.5 per cent or below, to reach the level of current fixes and caps," he adds.

"If lenders increase standard variable rates — which is highly likely — borrowers on discounted and variable rates will feel the impact. It would make sense for people with variable rates to consider remortgaging to save money, looking at fixed or capped-rate products with no trailer redemption penalties."

Many of the UK's biggest lenders are offering fixed-rate and capped-rate loans where the rate is around 6.45 per cent. Mr Darby warns those considering taking out a fixed-rate mortgage to be aware of the redemption penalties, which often stretch beyond the end of the fixed term itself. The broker is offering a 6.39 per cent fixed rate mortgage, where the rate is fixed until July 1, 2000. It is also offering a five-year loan, with a rate of 6.35 per cent fixed until 2003. This product does carry redemption penalties of six months' gross interest.

Redemption penalties could soon vanish under a radical plan to shake up the mortgage industry. The Building Societies Association is meeting next week to discuss banning its members from charging redemption penalties on borrowers who want to pay off their loans early. Redemption penalties of up to six months interest are commonly used by lenders to lock borrowers into their variable interest rates. They are increasingly regarded as unfair by homeowners who want to switch to cheaper lenders.

The association believes that scrapping the penalties could simplify the entire mortgage business. The only reason the penalties exist is to support the confusing array of fixed-rate, cash back and discounted deals which lenders have developed to entice new borrowers.

Under these deals — of which there are an amazing 4,300 currently available — lenders either hand out cash up front or promise to protect borrowers from movements in interest rates. All this is expensive. Therefore, locking borrowers in to the lenders' variable rate after the initial offer period expires is the only way they can recoup their money.

Far from encouraging borrowers, Adrian Coles, BSA director-general, believes the system of front-end incentives combined with onerous penalties is putting off people. "It is very difficult for a borrower to compare a 3 per cent discount for three years with an 8 per cent cash back."

Other lenders agree. Jim Chadwick, marketing director of Barclays Mortgages, said: "I'm all for it. Borrowers are understandably confused by having to try to assess all these peculiar deals. Lenders can give a discount to borrowers but should not expect to lock people in to get it back. It is preferable to rely on customer loyalty."

Abandoning front-end incentives would have a massive impact on the homebuying scene. However, it could hurt many buyers who have grown accustomed to the lenders paying thousands of pounds to move home. On the positive side, though, it would remove the problem of "payment shock" experienced by borrowers who see their monthly payments leap up when the offer period ends and they switch to the lenders' variable rate.

The Labour Party expressed its concern over the plight of borrowers before it took power. It is no coincidence that the debate started by the BSA comes just weeks after the Government announced that the Office of Fair Trading would be monitoring the effectiveness of lenders' voluntary code of practice, which they adopted last year. The OFT has already banned lenders to credit-impaired borrowers from levying exorbitant penalties and has been scrutinising the practices of high street lenders. The BSA move is an explicit attempt to pre-empt any action by the OFT.

The last thing most lenders want is to be regulated by the new statutory Financial Services Authority. Better to jump in the right direction than be pushed, they reckon. If it makes picking a lender less of a headache most borrowers will agree.

CAROLINE MERRELL AND GAVIN LUMSDEN

Patrick Collinson on where the big earners go to become big borrowers

If you are after a little £1m loan

Soaring City salaries and booming businesses have given birth to a new phenomenon in the housing market — the £1 million-plus mortgage. How are lenders coping with bulge-bracket borrowers whose salary package of bonuses and share options scarcely fit the straitjacket of most lending criteria?

Big earners often find themselves on the wrong side of the rules set by high street lenders, whose typical customer is earning £20,000 a year and taking out a £60,000 loan, rather than someone financing a £750,000 home in the Surrey stockbroker belt.

There are many hurdles for big borrowers:

■ **Income multiples:** Traditional multiples of three times salary plus one times partner's salary do not take account of bonuses and profit sharing which may be worth 50 per cent of earnings for City traders or partners in big law or accountancy firms.

■ **Early repayment:** Standard mortgage products often do not permit chunks of a loan to be paid off early when bonus cheques come in, without incurring big penalties.

■ **Maximum lending limits:** Most mortgage products set a minimum loan of £15,000 and a maximum of £250,000. Big borrowers are therefore excluded from some of the best deals on the market.

■ **Higher interest rates:** In a reversal of the maxim of one rule for the rich and one for the poor, most lenders until recently discriminated against big borrowers by charging higher rates for big loans.

Fortunately there are a growing number of mortgage brokers specialising in putting together deals for high earners and the successful self-employed, often creating hybrid or one-off mortgages to suit individual needs.

Simon Tyler of Chase de Vere Mortgage Management said: "We completed several mortgage cases of over £1.5 million last month, and our average mortgage is currently £182,000. Mortgages of £1 million are no longer rare. They are being taken out by directors of large plcs, big-earning City types, highly paid lawyers and accountants and people working in the media."

What can the brokers do to include bonuses and options into income multiples? John Charcol says that, as a rule of thumb, it can persuade mortgage underwriters to include 50 per cent of a bonus in the income multiple calculation, as long as there is a history of steady bonus payments. Mortgage lenders will look at the quality of employer and its record on bonuses before advancing a huge sum. Ian Darby, John Charcol's marketing director, said: "It can often depend on who the employer is. Because we arranged more than £1 billion in mortgages last year we have a very good idea what people's packages are and can advise the lenders on what to expect."

Lenders are less impressed by share options. Mr Darby said: "Options are not income, but they do allow us to pitch to a lender about whether someone is likely to be able to afford to repay the loan." One of the key issues for brokers is finding a mortgage which is flexible enough to allow the holder to pay off blocks of capital as and when bonuses or profits are distributed.

Mr Darby said: "The most important thing is to find a loan which does not have redemption penalties. A lot of people want to use their bonuses to reduce their debt."

One solution is to put half of the mortgage into a fixed rate loan with the usual benefits and penalties, and the other half on a variable rate, allowing the borrower to repay the variable portion when cash comes in without facing any penalties.

Another option favoured by the rich is mortgages with very short repayment periods. Mr Tyler said he recently found a lender willing to advance a £1.5 million mortgage repayable over five years — costing £30,000 a month.

Avoiding compulsory insurance deals is even more important on big mortgages than standard sized loans. Mr Darby said: "On a big property big money can be lost by buying the wrong insurances. Compulsory insurance is usually a block policy designed for average mortgages and doesn't make sense on big loans."

The size of deposit is rarely an issue for people taking out large mortgages. Chase de Vere Mortgage Management says that in a £500,000 house purchase, clients typically fund £200,000 from savings and £300,000 from a lender.

Many of the huge mortgages taken out on properties in London are for expats working at foreign banks. Mr Tyler said: "Many foreign executives arrive on a three-to-four year term and are given a tax-free rent allowance, not uncommonly around £8,000 to £9,000 a month. But you can get a substantial mortgage for £100,000 a year and have the opportunity for capital gain on the price of the property."

Closer to home are the band of newly-rich self-employed whose businesses have taken off but who find that traditional lenders demand accounts going back many years. Lenders usually require three years' accounts and lend on the basis of income averaged over the period, even though income in year one may have been zero and income in year three £100,000. But brokers such as John Charcol and Chase de Vere say that finding lenders with a more flexible approach is becoming less difficult (see report right).

What unites the £1 million mortgage borrowers is a demand for immediacy, and secrecy. Some borrowers even use companies or trusts to arrange the loan rather than have it in their own name.

Mr Tyler said: "They are more demanding and they want discretion. People are very concerned about where their documents are going and who is going to see them. They don't want their assets and income being talked about. They also want a short meeting, and they don't want to have to see you again. If a guy is making £1 million a day for his bank, the bank doesn't want him spending all his time sorting out his mortgage."

£1 million mortgages are no longer rare — they go to directors, City types and lawyers

ALAN WELLER



Bank of Ireland saved the day

Brendon Wallace founded and runs a thriving computer company in North London and drives a Porsche, but almost gave up hope at finding a lender to give him a mortgage. With his wife Rachel, he tried NatWest, Woolwich and Nationwide but the response was the same: all took an average of his last three years' profits, and also demanded a large deposit.

But his company is just three years old, and in its first year barely made money as he ploughed cash back into the business. He said: "I seemed to be walking into brick walls all the time, despite the fact that my business was growing fast. I was feeling very dejected and decided I was going to have to save upwards of £100,000 and go for a 50 per cent mortgage to get the £200,000 house I had my eye on."

But his luck turned when a local developer put him in contact with a specialist mortgage broker, Bill Aitken, of William Lowden Associates. Mr Aitken sorted out a deal with Bank of Ireland Mortgages, which specialises in loans to self-employed people.

Within seven days, Bank of Ireland, which assesses a borrower on its last year's accounts only, approved a loan for Mr Wallace. After a three years' hard work building up the business, the Wallaces can begin to enjoy some of the returns and moves into their new home next month.

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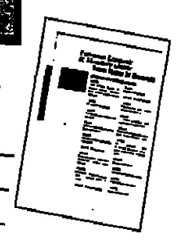
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Coffee break comes under price threat

Gavin Lumsden explains why the fall of Suharto threatens a well loved institution

The overthrow of President Suharto of Indonesia has repercussions for one of our most cherished practices, the mid-morning or afternoon break. Coffee, tea and chocolate are three leading exports from Indonesia. The economic chaos that has gripped the country has disrupted supplies, sending shockwaves through world commodity markets which were already reeling from fears of pestilence and poor harvests.

The situation looks worse for chocaholics. Producers of cocoa — *the sensitive plant* whose elongated egg-like pods hold the bitter beans that are the core ingredient in chocolate — are struggling to keep up with world demand which is increasing by 3 per cent a year. (*In the UK alone we import* 196,000 tonnes of cocoa each year to feed our appetite for 4 million tonnes of chocolate.)

Meanwhile fungal growths, known as Witches Broom and black pod disease, are wreaking havoc in cocoa plantations in central America and the Ivory Coast in Africa, two of the most important areas of production. Brazil, once a big supplier of cocoa, has seen its production halve in the past ten years because of pestilence and a lack of investment.

The situation is beginning to worry the experts. Alan Porter, managing director of the Chocolate Society, a confectioner in York, says existing stocks and production forecasts should keep European consumers content for at least the next four years. Thereafter, things could become more difficult if a resistant strain of cocoa plant is not found.

However, Nestlé, the giant food conglomerate, maker of Kit Kat and Yorkie, which buys about 10 per cent of the world's cocoa, dismisses fears of a shortage. François Perroud, a spokesman, said: "Where production is concentrated in plantations, the risk of infection is much higher. However, cocoa is grown all over the world, mostly by small farmers who grow it as one of many crops. Their plants are less susceptible to disease."

The chocolate digestive may not be on its way out, but the drink that goes with it has been taking some hard knocks lately. Britons — who consume eight cups of tea a day on average — were rattling their saucers this week at news that Indonesia, the world's fourth largest exporter of tea leaf, had suspended local auctions as supplies dried up. This forced the price per kilo to rise elsewhere from $1.40 (85p) to about $1.75 (£1.07).

Fortunately, Indonesia mainly exports its tea to the Middle East and little finds its way to these shores. Far more significant for our brews is what happens in Kenya, the biggest exporter, responsible for shipping 244 million kilos across the world. The East African country suffered a disastrous harvest last year as floods struck. Luckily March produced a normal crop.

Britons spend about £727.6 million on coffee each year, most of it on instant, a blend of robusta beans — which are mainly produced in the Far East — and higher quality arabica beans from Africa and Latin America.

Although there has been panic buying of Indonesian robusta beans forcing the prices from $1,800 per tonne to $2,100, a bumper Brazilian harvest is now looming on the horizon.

How Brazilian companies handle their bonanza is a subject of hot debate in the commodity markets. Coffee is the second most traded commodity in the world after crude oil.

If Brazil releases its goods gradually all should be well. However, brokers fear that growers could flood the market if they believe prices are falling.

However, do not expect a cheaper cup of coffee. Manufacturers such as Douwe Egberts say they ignore short-term fluctuations and only respond to long-term shifts in the base price for coffee. Meanwhile, whatever the price, we will still wish to enjoy a cappuccino or a latte. A spokeswoman for the Seattle Coffee Company, the 61-strong chain of coffee bars, commented: "Real coffee is one of those little luxuries. Once you're hooked you don't go back."

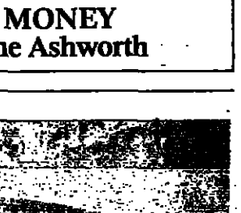
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Homebuyers with variable loans advised to switch

Millions of homeowners with variable rate loans should consider remortgaging, in the wake of this week's unexpected rise in base rates.

The UK's biggest lenders did not immediately put up rates in response to the base rate rise. Halifax, Woolwich, Abbey National and the Nationwide, said they were reviewing their positions. Only the mutual Bradford & Bingley pledged to hold mortgage rates until August 1, but immediately increased its savings rates by 0.25 per cent.

However, most observers believe that variable rates will move up to reflect the higher base rate. If the Halifax and others decide to put up the rates, then the interest on a variable rate mortgage would be around 8.95 per cent, the highest for five years. A 0.25 per cent increase in the mortgage rate adds £17 a month interest to a £50,000 mortgage.

If the variable rates do increase, then the difference between the fixed rates on offer and the variable rate becomes 2.5 per cent, representing a saving of £100 a month on a £50,000 loan. Over a two-year period a borrower could save £1,600 a year by remortgaging, taking in to account the approximate £800 remortgaging costs.

Ian Darby of John Charcol, the London financial adviser, while believing that remortgaging could be a good idea, warns borrowers to look at all the costs. Some lenders charge redemption penalties on their fixed-rates, which last longer than the fixed-rate itself, while others will charge mortgage indemnity premiums for those with less than a 5 per cent deposit.

Most savers still do not know whether they will see the benefit of the 0.25 per cent rate rise. Only Standard Life Bank took action. Its direct access savings account now offers rates between 7.26 per cent and 7.55 per cent.

Bradford & Bingley has pledged to pass on the increase but is delaying giving details until Thursday.

Other banks and building societies are playing a wait-and-see game to decide whether to respond to any action by rivals. Some may decide to stall a rise in order to keep their mortgage borrowers sweet.

CAROLINE MERRELL AND GAVIN LUMSDEN

Catmark stakes out territory

Millions of working people were given warning this week that unless they begin making contributions to their pensions now, they will see a big drop in their income when they retire.

The message came from Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, as she launched a report into pensions by an independent working group, known as the Ross Report. Even those who consider themselves to be well paid were told they faced a drop in income on retirement of more than 50 per cent.

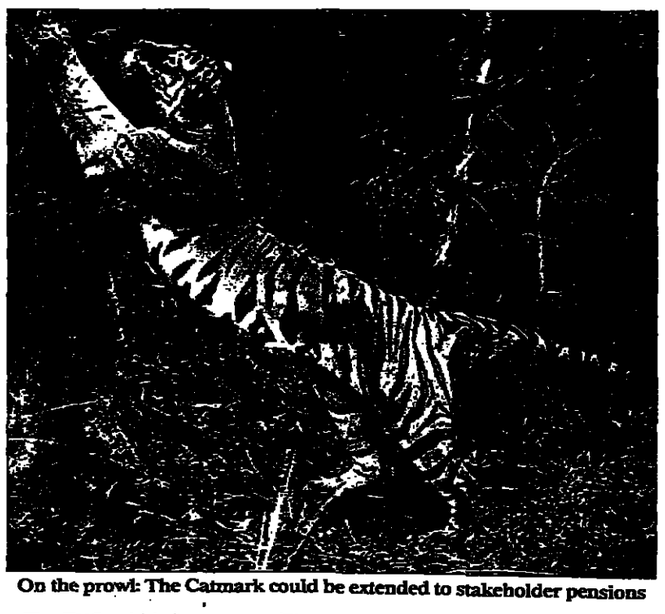
Charles Levett-Scrivener, of the financial services group Towry Law, said that for a 30-year-old man in full time employment on average weekly earnings of £420, the state pension would be worth 15.4 per cent of his earnings.

However, in 30 years' time when he was preparing to retire, the state *pension would be worth only 11 per cent* of his average wage of £2,000 a week, based on real earnings growth of 2 per cent per annum and growth in the retail price index of 3 per cent plus growth of national average earnings of 5 per cent.

In a separate development the Government gave its strongest indication yet that it wants to extend its bench marking scheme, known as the Catmark, to stakeholder pensions as well as to the new individual savings account.

John Denham, the Pensions Minister, also made it clear that he was keen to include unions in the process of promoting stakeholder pensions to ensure that self-employed as well as employed people have a chance to save for the future.

He praised the new schemes being set up by financial services companies like the Prudential, Standard Life, Legal & General and Unity, which are working with unions and employers in printing, broadcasting and agriculture.



On the prowl: The Catmark could be extended to stakeholder pensions

The TUC, which has seven million affiliated union members, is calling for an individual portable pension which employees could take with them from job to job. Joanne Segars, TUC policy officer, said: "People might change employers but they do not usually change union, so their pension could be easily transferable. We would like to see individual schemes introduced in preference to group personal pensions."

Although details of the Government's pensions review are not due until the autumn when they will be published in a Green Paper, the debate on which financial services companies will be invited to provide the pensions of the future increased this week when Tesco Personal Finance, the supermarket's in-store financial services arm, entered the pensions fray.

It has launched a no-frills flexible penalty-free pensions plan developed with Scottish Widows.

MARIANNE CURPHEY



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A new power behind the throne

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In the shadows: more than a decade ago, Robin Janvrin was noticed by the Queen. Years later, his successful role as a negotiator during the divorce between the Prince and Princess of Wales enhanced his prospects for promotion

Alan Hamilton on Sir Robin Janvrin, the Queen's new private secretary, who has become the most important courtier at Buckingham Palace

While Peter Mandelson, our dome minister, and all the other apparatchiks of the official anniversary industry have their eyes, hearts and minds firmly fixed on the erroneous millennium, the thoughts of Sir Robin Janvrin are already projected two years further ahead.

The year 2002 looms large in Janvrin's diary, and soon he will have to take some big-cigar decisions about it. It will be the year of the Queen's golden jubilee, the first time that we have celebrated a monarch's half-century on the throne since our great-grandparents put the flags out for Victoria in 1887.

As of next February the national party — if party there is to be — becomes Janvrin's responsibility. After a decade of service at Buckingham Palace he was confirmed this week as the next private secretary to the Queen, not the most senior flunkey at court under the arcane rules of precedence, but by a mile the most important, and the man who will carry in his infinitely discreet head more state secrets than any person alive.

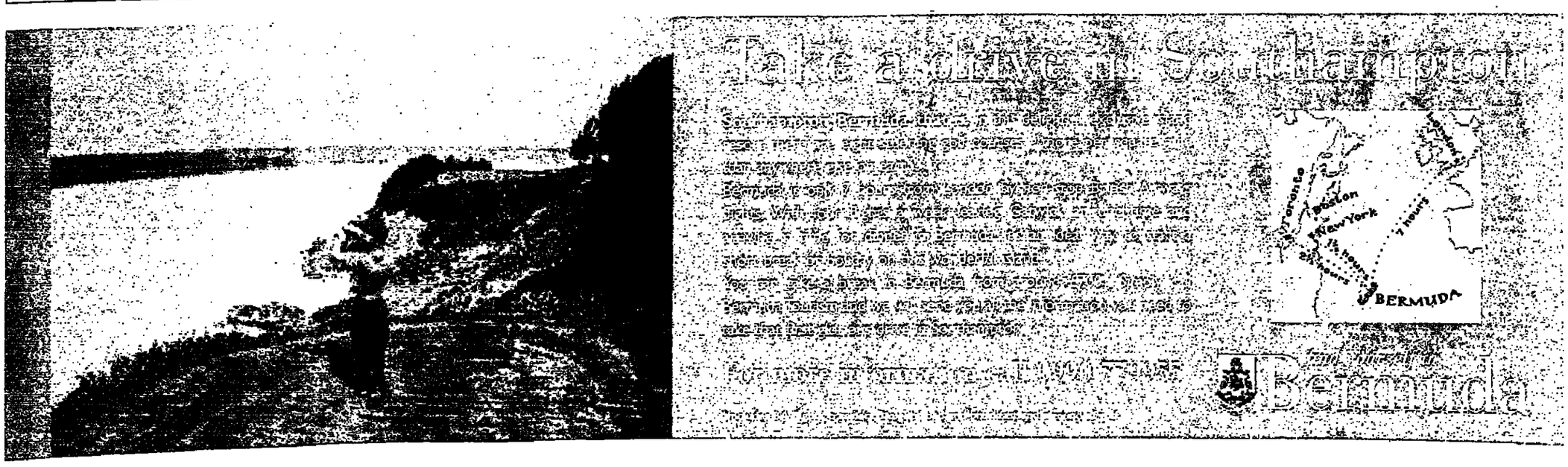
Janvrin inherits a ship battered by six years of seemingly unrelenting storm. There have been further icy blasts this week, with television documentaries hinting at the darkest of deeds surrounding the death of Diana.

But he may take some comfort from that other jubilee 111 years ago. Victoria was in such a downward spiral of unpopularity for hiding herself away in widows' weeds that a serious political republican movement found room to flourish. When she was persuaded to play a full part in her own celebrations, she found herself reconfirmed as the most popular empress in the land, and went on to repeat the triumph ten years later at her diamond do.

Janvrin — the surname, he believes, is French via the

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'I only note the most ghastly things, fragments of the madness'

One Jew's diary of Hitler's rise



IN 1933, Victor Klemperer was a professor of romance languages in Dresden. Over the next decade, he lost his job, his house and many of his friends because he was a German Jew. He even lost his cat, as Jews were not allowed to own pets.

Throughout the ordeal, he remained loyal to his country: "I am for ever German, a German 'nationalist'. The Nazis are un-German." He also kept writing his diaries, a daring act for any Jew. "This is my heroics," he said. "I want to bear witness, precise witness until the very end."

Klemperer, who was born in 1881, managed to evade the concentration camps for many years, largely due to his marriage to an Aryan. In 1945 he escaped deportation and lived the remaining months of the war in hiding. He taught again as an academic until his death in 1960.

His diaries are one of the most extraordinary documents of the Nazi period. This extract covers the period from Hitler's election to the beginning of the Holocaust.



OSTKREUR

Victor Klemperer and his wife: one of their greatest loves was motoring through Germany before Hitler came to power

1933

MARCH 10
January 30: Hitler Chancellor. What up to election Sunday on March 5, I called terror, was a mild prelude. Now the business of 1918 is being exactly repeated, only under a different sign, under the swastika. Again it is astounding how easily everything collapses ... How long will I keep my post?

MARCH 20
I am now completely certain that Hindenburg is no more than a puppet, that his hand was already being guided on January 30 ... I think it is quite immaterial whether Germany is a monarchy or a republic — but what I do not expect is that it will be rescued from the grip of its new Government. I will never again have faith in Germany.

MARCH 31
Conversation between a young soldier and his girlfriend about the boycott of Jewish shops, overheard in a cinema: He: "One really shouldn't go to a Jew to shop." She: "But it's so terribly cheap." He: "Then it's bad and doesn't last." She, reflective, quite matter-of-fact, without the least hint of pathos: "No, it's just as good and lasts just as long, really just like in Christian shops — and it's all so much cheaper." He fell silent. When Hitler, Hindenburg etc appeared, he clapped enthusiastically.

APRIL 25
Notice on the Student House (likewise at all the universities): "When the Jew writes in German, he lies", henceforth he is to be allowed to write only in Hebrew. Jewish books must be characterised as "translations". I only note the most ghastly things, only fragments of the madness in which we are immersed.

NOVEMBER 9
Last Sunday afternoon the Kaufmanns and Frau Rosenberg were here for coffee. There was a terribly heated scene, when Herr Kaufmann declared that he had resolved on a "Yes" in the plebiscite (on Hitler's policies). The Central Association of German Jews had, after all, given the same advice "with a heavy heart". I completely lost my temper, thumped the table with my fist and repeatedly bellowed at him, whether he considered these rulers, to whose policies he was assenting, to be criminals or not. He refused to reply; I had "no right to put this question". For his part he asked me mockingly why I remained in my post. I replied that I had not been appointed by this Government and did not serve it and that I represented Germany's cause with a clear conscience, that I was a German and I above all.

1934

AUGUST 4
Hindenburg dies at 9am on August 2; one hour later a "law" of the Reich Government of August 1 appears: The offices of the President and the Chancellor are united in Hitler's person, the army will give its oath to him, and at 6.30pm the troops in Dresden swore their oath and everything is completely calm. Our butcher says indifferently: "Why vote first? It just costs a lot of money." The people hardly notice this coup d'état.

1935

MAY 2
On Tuesday morning, without any previous notification, two sheets delivered by post. "On the basis of para 6 of the Law for the Restoration of the Professional Civil Service I have recommended your dismissal. Notice of dismissal enclosed." At first I felt alternately numb and slightly romantic;' now there is only wretchedness and bitterness.

1936

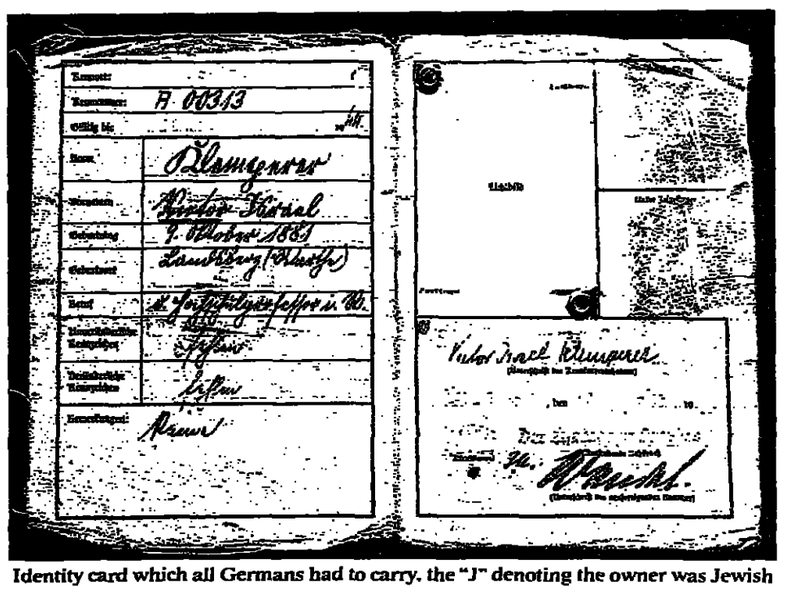
FEBRUARY 11
I am the only Jew in Dölzschen Rural District, at least the only "prominent" one. Kalix, the mayor, had already complained about me when we built the extension in the summer. Now he gave [my carpenter] a message for me: that I did not seem to know how things were, that I was a guest here, and that he had a mind to take me into custody for a night.

1937

AUGUST 17
In the *Stürmer* I recently saw a picture: two girls in swimming costumes at a seaside resort. Above it: "Prohibited for Jews", underneath it: "How nice that it's just us now!" Then I remembered a long-forgotten incident. September 1900 or 1901 ... on the Day of Atonement the Jews did not attend classes. The next day our classmates told us without the least malice (just as the words themselves were also only uttered jokingly by the altogether humane teacher) that Kufahl, the maths teacher, had said to the reduced class: "Today it's just us." In my memory these words took on a quite horrible significance: to me it confirms the claim of the Nazis to express the true opinion of the German people.

SEPTEMBER 20
Hitler's speech in Nuremberg about the morally and intellectually inferior Jewish race. No matter how thick my skin has gradually become and how lunatic the accusation, I nevertheless find it painful to have to spend the rest of my life here.

OCTOBER 27
Contempt and disgust and deepest mistrust with respect to Germany can never leave me now. And yet in 1933 I had been so convinced of my Germanness.



Identity card which all Germans had to carry, the "J" denoting the owner was Jewish

1938

NOVEMBER 27
On the morning of the 11th (three days after the Kristallnacht pogrom) two policemen, accompanied by a "resident of Dölzschen": did I have any weapons? Certainly my sabre, perhaps even my bayonet as a war memento, but I would not know where. We have to help you find it. The house was searched for hours. The younger policeman was more friendly, the civilian was the worst. At about one o'clock the civilian and the older policeman left the house, the young one remained and took a statement. I had the feeling he found the thing embarrassing. You must come to the court building at Münchner Platz with me. There is nothing to fear, you will probably (!) be back by evening. I asked whether I was now under arrest. His reply was good-natured and noncommittal ... At 4pm I was on the street again with the curious feeling, free — but for how long? Since then we have both been unceasingly tormented by the question: go or stay?

DECEMBER 3
Yesterday afternoon at the library, Striege or Striegel, who is in charge of the lending section: I should come into the back room with him. He showed me the complete ban on using the library. The absolute end. The man was distressed beyond words, I had to calm him.

DECEMBER 15
A little while ago Constable Radke was here from the council: I should come up to the council office because of the identity card. We had a friendly conversation, the man shook my hand, told me to keep my spirits up. He is certainly no Nazi, and his sister is in difficulties because her husband, a gardener, has a grandmother who is not Aryan. But then the next day, when I was up there, he happened to come through the room: he stared ahead as he went past, as much a stranger as possible. In his behaviour the man probably represents 79 million Germans.



HULTON

Faces were measured to try and determine racial purity

1939

SEPTEMBER 3
An old gentleman, extremely friendly, brings the blackout order. Terrible, that it is war again — but yet one is so patriotic: when I saw a battery leaving yesterday, I wanted more than anything to go with them.

DECEMBER 9
On Monday I was at the Jewish Community House, beside the burnt-down and levelled synagogue ... The Party official present wanted to talk to me: you must leave your house by April 1; you can sell it, rent it out, leave it empty; that's your business, only you have to be out; you are entitled to a room. Since your wife is Aryan, you will be allocated two rooms if possible. The man was not at all uncivil, he also appreciated the difficulties we shall face, without anyone at all benefiting as a result — the sadistic machine simply rolls over us.

1940

APRIL 29
German victories over the English in Norway: I now firmly believe that the war will be won by Germany after all. But it will have to hurry with the victory.

1941

JUNE 23-JULY 1
Cell 89
(As a Jew, VK was imprisoned for his first failure to observe the blackout.)
Since on my last free Sunday the outbreak of war with Russia mightily raised my spirits, I left the house on Monday after a heartfelt leavetaking in a very reasonable state of mind. Eight days were no eternity ...

To the left of the entrance was a large iron door with the inscription "Police Cells". For a moment I thought: "Cinema." ... Then I was standing in the cloakroom in front of a young policeman. "Undo your tie, unbutton your braces. Faster. In the time it takes you to remove your tie, I'd be completely undressed." It did not sound excessively brutal, but the order was roughly given. Only now did I know that I was not watching a film. "How shall I hold up my trousers?" "With your hands. Nightshirt and toothbrush you can keep, books and spectacles stay here." "But I was told ..." "We make the rules here..."

How could I know beforehand what imprisonment, what a cell is? Only at the second the door fell shut ... did I know it with a nameless fear. At that second the eight days turned into 192 hours, empty caged hours ... I experienced the misery of my trousers falling down as the most extreme humiliation.

By Thursday, I felt only a horrible exhaustion. I would not want any acquaintance to see me in this state of degradation. I, the professor, the senator, the state commissioner ... The cell door was opened at an unusual time. Outside, my wife was standing beside a white-bearded clerk. I was dismayed. Why did she need to see me in this ignominy? "Why have you come here?" I asked as I approached her. "I cannot help you in any way. I am quite helpless" — and more softly — "completely helpless, my glasses have been taken away."

Only in my cell did all the things I should have said to her occur to me. She listened to me with a calm face, but her arm was trembling. Then I felt sick at my lack of self-control, sick and afraid. "Until Tuesday then," I said, "take care," kissed her glove and ran back into the cell ...

Tuesday arrived at last. I awoke with a feeling of fear, which I could not laugh away and which only continued growing. What if they did not release me ... Or if I am placed in the hands of the Gestapo ... And then at last the latch was raised again, the lock turned back: "Take your things with you, go downstairs." I stepped on to the street, the sun was shining. My wife was waiting on the other side.

In the Jews' House I allowed myself to be feted a little as a kind of martyr ...

And what was it in the end, what torments did I report? How can it be compared with what is experienced by thousands upon thousands in German prisons today?

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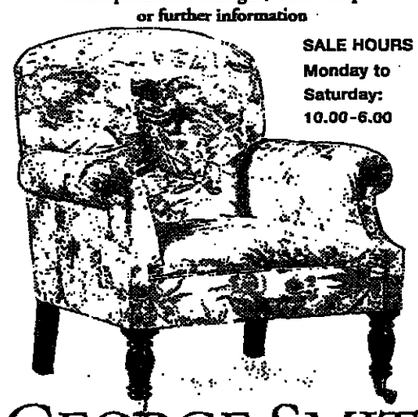
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● I NOW know exactly what Cher means about the trauma of reaching 50. There are certain things you can no longer tolerate. However hard you try. This includes staying in hotels with tiny bedrooms, as we have just done for three days in Paris.

L'Hotel, on the Left Bank, had been gushed about by friends. (Only later I learnt they'd never actually stayed there.) Anyway, it's where Oscar Wilde died, according to legend, bemoaning the wallpaper.

The trouble was that even I, who can usually spot a bum hotel in the first 30 seconds, was initially hoodwinked and charmed by all this historical claptrap. As well as being captivated by the spectacular baroque circular hall seven floors high with galleried landings.

Not until later did the horrible truth dawn. We were paying £200 a night for a 12 x 9 room which amazingly managed to contain two beds, two side tables, a dresser, three lamps, four oil paintings, two corner cabinets and a television you couldn't see if the door was open. Plus a dilapidated bathroom tight for a single adult, hopeless for two crotchety fiftysomethings.

By day two all I longed for was the cultural desert of a Sheraton or a Marriot, in which one could use the en suite facilities without operating a shift system whereby one partner sulked in the hotel lobby while the other got ready. As I said to my husband, if I had wanted a weekend break in a turn-of-the-century cabin cruiser, I would have booked one.

● RE-READING the guide book, which had pointed us in the direction of L'Hotel in the first place, I realised how meaningless it is to take any sort of advice from these publications. Why should I suppose that Ms Heidi Ellison, who has written what her publishers call "A Wickedly Honest Guide for Sophisticated Travellers and Those Who Want To Be", be aware of my particular needs? What does it matter if Mick Jagger once spent a night in L'Hotel or some other place has fluffy towels and nice toiletries in black plastic bottles? Just who chooses a hotel because it has black plastic bottles in the bathroom?

Want I want when staying away from home is a well-furnished, clean, decent-sized bedroom, a bathroom out of earshot, an efficient hairdryer (preferably not positioned directly above the lavatory), plus an efficient telephone system. And willing staff. As opposed to those who qualify for a category not yet employed by Michelin, but which they may usefully consider. A line of small red ape-like creatures. Denoting the degree to which the management doesn't give a monkeys.

● RECOMMENDATIONS, in any case, even by trusted friends, are fraught. We tore our hair out for a couple of hours at Jacques Cagna. (*Michelin* three knives and forks, and one rosette.) The food was mostly unspeakable and the restaurant almost exclusively filled with tourists (not us, of course).

To be fair, the recommendation was qualified by the warning that the place was fashionable two years ago. It isn't now. Which shows how important it is for any advice to be clearly date-stamped.

● OUR travelling companions, for what was otherwise a delightful few days before football takes over the city, included one of my oldest childhood friends, Pamela. She who has lived in Los Angeles for long enough to perfect the art of complaining. No shortcoming by waiters, taxi drivers, hotel receptionists, shop assistants etc, slips past her exacting standards of quality control.

The benefits of following in the wake of a professional awkward customer are huge. Not least because it allows the rest of the party to adopt a manner of gracious tolerance, safe in the knowledge that the fuss being made is big enough to take care of everyone.

Or as my husband, who hates making any sort of fuss, remarked, being on holiday with Pamela is like spending a weekend in the Small Claims Court.

● AN invitation from Judy Collins, curator at the Tate, to attend the preview on Tuesday of the Lucien Freud show. Breathtaking it is too.

I had mentioned to her my disappointment in not making it to the Abbot Hall Art Gallery in Kendal last summer when its director Edward King had 40 Freuds on show. (Why Kendal?, someone asked the artist. "Because they asked me," he said brusquely.) King was also at the preview and told me he had attempted but failed to secure for Abbot Hall a favourite Freud, *Girl on a Grey Cover*. Lottery money was out because the picture was less than 20 years old. So was an Arts Council grant because it was older than 18 months.

The picture went instead to America, to John McEnroe. Like Madonna, he collects nudes. Not Freuds . . .

● ALSO AT the preview was former *Daily Mirror* Editor Mike Molloy, no mean art authority himself, who, looking around, reckoned in art world terms the evening was about as serious as you could get. Sweet really, then, that Mike was the third person to come up and say he'd spotted me last Friday on *Blankety Blank*.

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Channel Islands, and he is suitably married to the aristocratically French Isabelle de Chevigny — faces a somewhat different challenge from Victoria's private secretary in 1887, Sir Henry Ponsonby. But he is still the man with the most direct responsibility for guiding a troubled monarchy into the next century.

He takes over from a man who will not be entirely sorry to be retiring early to return to the relative peace of City finance. When Sir Robert Fellowes was appointed private secretary in 1990 after 13 years in the Queen's inner office, the weather forecast was predicting turbulence.

But he could not have foreseen the severity of the storm that broke out on all fronts. The Princess Royal divorced Captain Mark Phillips and married Commander (now Captain) Tim Laurence. The Yorks separated and the Duchess had her toes sucked. The Queen was persuaded by the Major Government that it was time she paid income tax. Windsor Castle caught fire, and the public made it clear it would not happily pay for the damage.

Then there was the Diana saga. For Fellowes, at the thick of it all by virtue of his job, the farrago was multiplied in spades: Diana was his sister-in-law. She came to regard him as the ringleader of the Palace old guard at whose feet she laid many of her troubles.

A senior Palace colleague says of him: "During the whole Diana business, Robert never had any problem of divided loyalties. His loyalty was unswervingly to the Queen throughout — and, of course, to his own wife."

It was still not easy and Diana found it impossible to face him across a negotiating table when details of her divorce settlement — in which she was granted more or less everything she wanted — were hammered out. That role was quietly and diplomatically taken by Fellowes's deputy, the same Robin Janvrin, who by skilfully maintaining a channel of communication between Buckingham and Kensington Palaces during those difficult days further enhanced his prospects for promotion.

Janvrin was also duty private secretary at Balmoral during the end of August last year; it fell to him to break the news to the Prince of Wales that his former wife had died in a car crash in Paris.

To call Fellowes old guard is not to damn him. He is tall, slim, his impeccable courtesy spiced with a dry wit. His father was the Queen's land agent at Sandringham, and although Fellowes never went to university, he has the typical provenance of his class: Eton, the Scots Guards and a job in the City until recruited by the Palace in 1977.

One former member of the private secretary's office says: "People are bound to suspect that Robert is going because he has been pushed. Not at all; the Queen is extremely loyal to those staff who are loyal to her. He is 56, and there is now compulsory retirement at 60. He wants to get back into the outside world to earn some serious money to educate his three young children."

There are several definitions of serious money: one would be the £100,000 a year that the private secretary's post pays, enough for most people to send three youngsters through school and college. Still, we all have our different benchmarks of adequate income.

We knew Janvrin had the top job in his pocket when he was knighted in the last New Year's honours list. But he had been quietly making his name at the Palace for ten years.

If Fellowes is a classic patrician, Janvrin is a classic high-flying British public servant. Now 51, he was educated at Marlborough and, following a family naval tradition, went as a naval cadet to Dartmouth. After receiving his commission he took a first in politics, philosophy and economics at Brasenose, Oxford and after eight years at sea washed up in the Foreign Office as a second secretary.

The Queen spotted him in India in 1983, when he was working in the High Commission in New Delhi and clearly making an excellent fist of arranging his sovereign's visit to the sub-continent. She persuaded him to join the Palace as press secretary in 1987, but not before he had had another Foreign Office posting. Officially, the job was deputy head of personnel operations: unofficially, it appears to have had a bit to do with posting MI6 officers abroad.

George III had a private secretary, but when Victoria appointed Lieutenant-General Charles Grey as the first modern-style incumbent in 1867, he was treated with suspicion by the Government, who feared he might whisper into the royal ear advice contradicting that given by Her Majesty's elected ministers.

"The job has become political again," a senior Palace official admitted this week. "The Blair Government remains a firm believer in constitutional monarchy and a sovereign above politics, but the Palace now has to account for its actions and its spending before Commons committees and other bodies much more than before. In the wake of Diana, people are more prepared to be critical. The private secretary has never had to be so sensitive to the relationship between monarch, government and people."

For several years Janvrin has been a key player in the Way Ahead group, the twice-yearly gathering of the principal members of the Royal Family and their leading advisers to discuss long-term strategy. "Robin has a superb mind, but he is not an egghead," says a colleague who has worked closely with him. "He is an evolutionist, not a revolutionary."

Janvrin is affable and courteous, and in his first Palace job as press secretary he enlivened the Christmas photocall at Sandringham by having young William and Harry pose on an antique fire engine. The pictures were memorable, but the experiment was never repeated: perhaps the idea was a whisker ahead of its time.

As press secretary, Janvrin was not above delivering earbashings to transgressors: a television reporter was told off for sticking a microphone under the Queen's nose, and even the sweet-natured royal correspondent of *The Times* was severely chastised for suggesting in print that it could not be proved whether royal tours abroad actually helped British exports.

When he takes over in February, Janvrin will have charge of the whole reform programme which is slowly seeping through the Royal Household in an effort to answer public criticism of protocol-bound remoteness, and to fit the institution better for the next century.

"Come the hour, come the man; Robin is a rather more political animal than Robert and more open to fresh ideas," says a former colleague. He will have the job for a maximum of nine years; even the Palace now has compulsory retirement at 60 — except, of course, for the boss.

Like all his predecessors, Janvrin will have close and regular contact with Downing Street, and he will be alert to any attempt to politicise the monarchy or threaten its position. Every week, as their principals meet in private upstairs at the Palace, their respective private secretaries chew the fat of state downstairs; the Queen's man is always made a privy councillor so he can talk state business in absolute confidence.

Janvrin and Tony Blair's counterpart, John Holmes, will be like two chummy mandarins from *Yes, Prime Minister*; both are ex-Foreign Office and so talk the same language. Both, surprisingly, serve astute politicians; the Queen may be above party, but she is a perfectly capable infighter when the dignity of her office is threatened, as when she recently saw off a Blairite proposal to abolish the State Opening of Parliament in all except election years.

The Palace is so concerned about a new image that it has been offering a £160,000-a-year salary to attract a spin-doctor. The only candidate so far mentioned is Simon Lewis, a public relations man from industry and a friend of Peter Mandelson. Janvrin will doubtless be on his guard against political implants.

Fellowes saw the Queen through some of the most trying years of her reign; Janvrin has to see her into a more stable 21st century. He will be busy in the run-up to 2002; for all the recent criticism of the Crown, the jubilee is likely to be quite a party.

However, he has another task — and only two years in which to plan it: the 100th birthday of the Queen Mother on August 4, 2000, an anniversary she shows every sign of reaching and which history will probably remember for longer than it recalls the Doubtful Dome.

TIM GRAHAM



The Queen with Sir Robert Fellowes, centre, and Sir Robin Janvrin, far right in profile

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Sir Robert Fellowes, who has given 18 years of loyal service as private secretary to the Queen

PRIVATE SECRETARIES

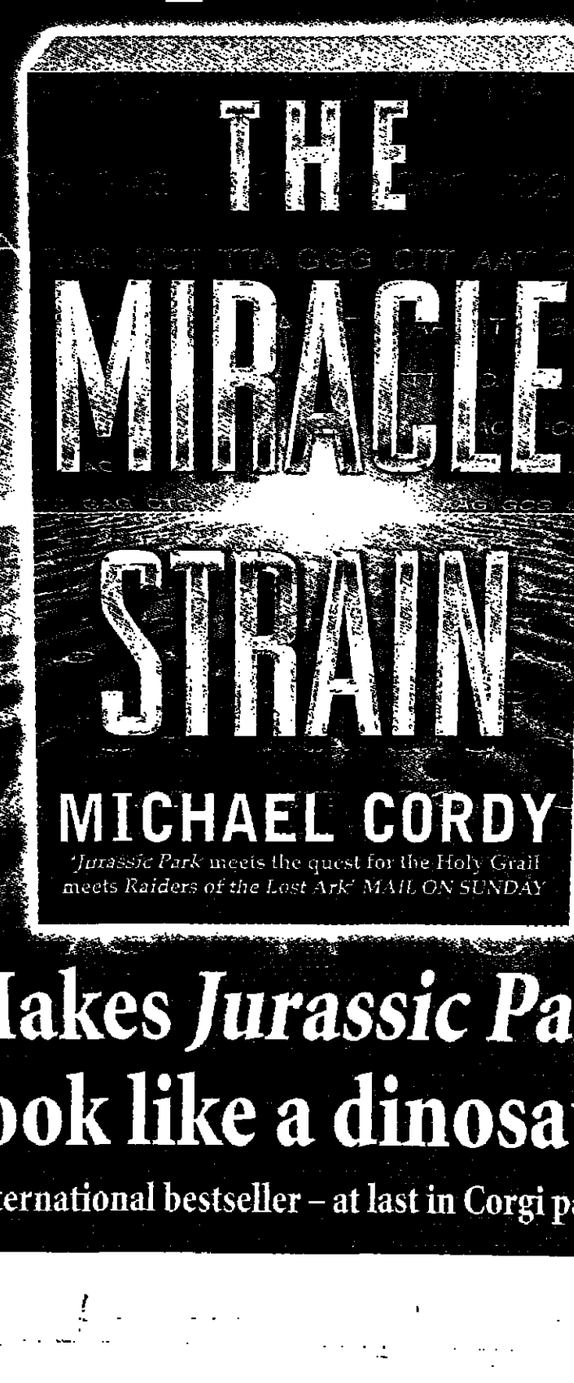
■ **Sir Henry Ponsonby**
Served Queen Victoria 1870-95. A Crimean War veteran regarded by Tories as a dangerous liberal revolutionary, he saw the peril to the throne of Victoria's withdrawal from public life after Albert's death and spent years persuading her to return to the limelight. The Tory Disraeli paid him the ultimate compliment: "Whatever his politics may once have been, I could not wish my case better stated to the Queen than the Private Secretary does it."

■ **Lord Stamfordham**
Victoria's last secretary, who went on to serve George V, 1911-31. A man who well understood the Crown's position, he advised the King to do nothing to hamper Ramsay MacDonald when the first Labour Government was elected in 1924. Stamfordham is also credited with suggesting the name of Windsor when the House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha wished to forget its German origins during the First World War. His grandson Michael Adeane became private secretary to the present Queen, and his great-grandson Edward to the Prince of Wales.

■ **Sir Alex Hardinge**
Had the shortest reign of any private secretary, when he served Edward VIII for the latter half of 1936. The two disliked each other intensely; Hardinge was raised in the George V school of stiff and correct behaviour and did not like Edward's louche ways. When Hardinge wrote a letter warning the King of the coming abdication crisis, Edward thought it impertinent and refused to face reality. Hardinge secretly visited the Duke and Duchess of York, advising them to prepare for the throne. He served George VI until 1943.

■ **Sir William Heseltine**
Served the Queen, 1986-90, the first Australian ever to hold the post. Formerly private secretary to Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies, Heseltine revolutionised public perception of the Royal Family by suggesting the first television documentary in 1969 showing glimpses of the family's private life.

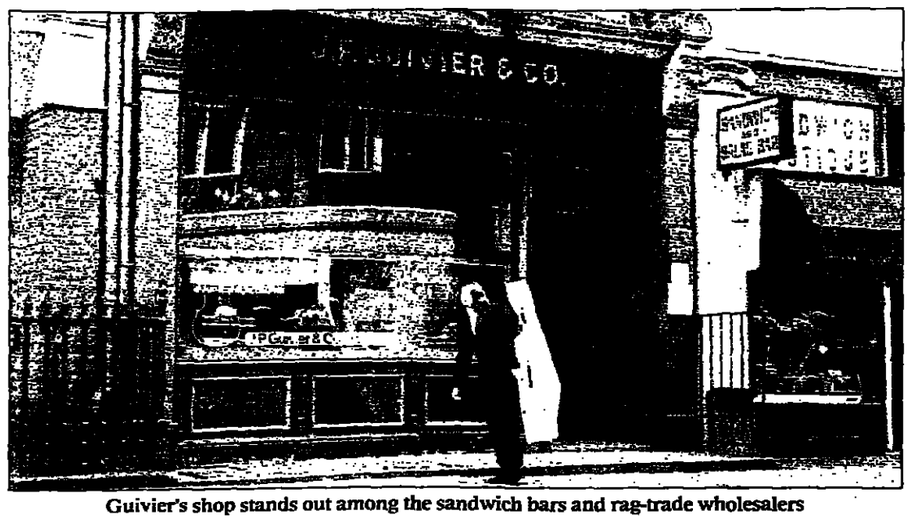
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Guivier's shop stands out among the sandwich bars and rag-trade wholesalers

Where to conduct yourself properly

Sue Fox discovers why musician Benjamin Zander will only buy his batons at Guivier's emporium in London

my favourite shop

Benjamin Zander, the English-born conductor of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, and a visiting professor at the Royal College of Music, rarely comes to London without stopping off at Guivier to replenish his stock. "Choosing a baton," says Zander, who originally trained as a cellist, "is like buying a beautiful bow. It has to be strong, resistant, light and flexible.

"Guivier recently discontinued my favourite line and I'm desolate. I have so few of them left. I've been trying with other types but they're hopeless. Because the bulb of the baton doesn't fit perfectly into my hand it causes thumb and hand strain. Trying to sustain the action of wonderful, sensuous rounded sounds, or an incisive, visceral, powerful edge to the music when you've got tendonitis can be very painful.

"If the baton is uncomfortable to hold, it can bounce. The players complain that I've given them an extra beat. I haven't: the stick can sometimes have a life of its own."

Guivier, founded in 1863: is a tiny, old-fashioned emporium, crammed with string instruments and cello cases, with a section devoted to conductors' batons. The decor — ochre walls, brass, wood and velvet — seems curiously out of step with the rest of Mortimer Street, in central London, which is full of noisy rag-trade wholesalers and sandwich bars.

Zander complains that it is impossible to find a good quality baton in America. "I've been looking for more than 30 years. They're all made of fibreglass or plastic. They may be fine for bandmasters, but not for a Mahler symphony." Next March, to celebrate his 60th birthday (which coincides with the 20th anniversary of his beloved Boston Philharmonic, which was formed for him), he is planning to conduct the Eighth Symphony — "Although not," he says, "with Gustav Mahler's own baton, this time."

A few years ago, the New York Mahler Society loaned Zander Mahler's ebony and silver-trimmed baton. "I conducted the second movement of the Seventh Symphony with it, but it was too heavy for me to use for the entire performance."

Benjamin Zander has become a regular guest conductor with the Philharmonia, whose office is close to Guivier. Zander's sell-out performances with the Philharmonia always include a pre-concert talk about the music. He will be back with the orchestra this October to start recording the Beethoven Cycle for Telarc.

At his house in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Zander keeps his batons in a secret drawer of a 17th-century Welsh secretaire. In another secret drawer there is a baton which once belonged to the great conductor Serge Koussevitsky. "I bought it at a charity auction for $350. It's a lovely thing to have, but basically it's just a sliver of wood, broken at both ends and quite unusable."

Guivier sells a range of 18 different batons, made by its own baton maker who has a workshop in Kent. The sticks, which cost £4.50 each, are usually ramin, a light wood, with handles of cork, pine or mahogany. To Zander's relief, Richard White, Guivier's director, promises to order another consignment of his favourite, but discontinued line.

His Boston Philharmonic is an unusual orchestra. A third of the players are professional musicians, a third are music students and a third are amateurs.

"It's a wonderful combination," he says. "The professionals mean we reach the standard of a major symphony orchestra, the students allow every rehearsal to become a lesson, and the amateurs remind each of us that music is an act of love."

● *J P Guivier & Co Ltd, 99 Mortimer Street, London W1N 7TA (0171-580 2560), is open Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 10am-4pm.*

● *Benjamin Zander conducts the Philharmonia at the Festival Hall, South Bank, London on October 27. Tickets are on sale now, priced from £5-£30 (0171-960 4242).*

ASHLEY COOMBES



If the baton is uncomfortable to hold, it can bounce, says Zander, and then the players complain

SHOP WATCH

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☐ **UPDATE:** The newly cool **Selfridges** expands northwards to Manchester from September ... the **Grosvenor House Art and Antiques Fair** (June 11-20) is the summer's grandest antiques event. Call 0171-495 6406 for tickets (£15 including handbook).

JUDITH WILSON

GADGETS

CLINGFILM is both a blessing and a bane. Nothing else so effectively puts the wraps on school lunches and leftovers. But using Clingfilm is rarely easy. The Taiwanese-made Easy Cling Wrap Cutter is a brave stab at a solution. It is a long plastic bracket with a sliding cutter along the top. To install a roll of Clingfilm you must cut three holes in the box, which is fiddly, and clip into place.

To use, pull the film over the plastic edge, secure the film between forefinger and thumb, then slide the cutter. It is simple and effective.



The Frosty Mug: a failure

A kitchen gadget from Australia that fails to cut the mustard, so to speak, is the Frosty Mug, promising home-made frozen slush drinks. It is a large plastic mug with a thick inner sleeve that you pop into the freezer. The "frozen solid" sleeve slips into the mug and you pour in an "icy cold" drink. Then, with a long plastic spoon (included), you stir the liquid. It is claimed that in minutes the drink changes into "a yummy, crunchy, frosty, frozen treat".

I have tried everything with this mug, including using drinks so cold they make you think of the dentist, and each time the results were dismal.

TIM WAPSHOTT

● *Easy Cling Wrap Cutter, £5.50 plus p&p, from Michael White (0181-958 6594).*
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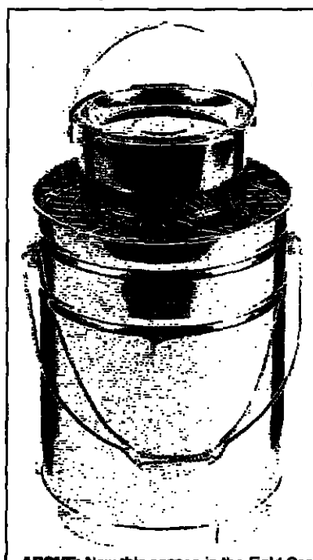
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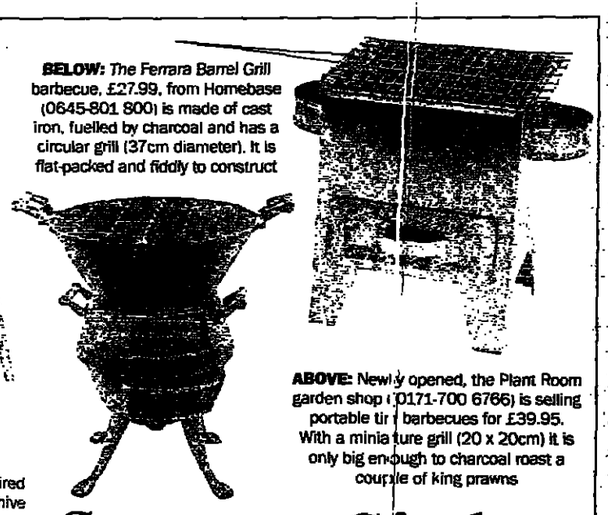
BARBECUES



ABOVE: New this season is the Field Cooker, £95, from Muji (0171-323 2208). This self-contained, wood-fired cooker (6.5kg) comes with all the equipment required for barbecuing, frying, smoking, or boiling. Grill size 25x22cm



ABOVE: This Greek Cypriot-styled charcoal barbecue, the Up and Down GT711 (300x70cm), £49, has two sets of skewers: a rotisserie for chickens and a set for shish kebabs. A motor turns the skewers to ensure an even grill. From Milia Supermarkets (0181-802 7654)



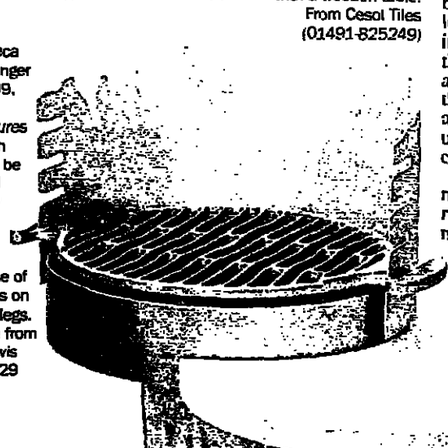
BELOW: The Ferrara Barrel Grill barbecue, £27.99, from Homebase (0645-801 800) is made of cast iron, fuelled by charcoal and has a circular grill (37cm diameter). It is flat-packed and fiddly to construct

ABOVE: Newly opened, the Plant Room garden shop (0171-700 6766) is selling portable tin barbecues for £39.95. With a miniature grill (20 x 20cm) it is only big enough to charcoal roast a couple of king prawns

LEFT: The wood-fired terracotta Beehive Oven roasts, grills or barbecues. At 62cm in diameter the oven, £229.12 (delivery £41), weighs a mighty 93kg. For an extra £105.75 your oven can come with a wooden table. From Cesol Tiles (01491-825249)



LEFT: The Meca Barbecue Swinger Grill 4400, £99, is charcoal fuelled, measures 52x52cm and can be wheeled around by tilting the front legs up and making use of the wheels on the back legs. Available from John Lewis (0171-629 7711)



The ideal barbecue is easy to operate, with few if any breakable parts. If it needs assembling, this should be within the capability of the least technically minded. An important consideration if there are children about, or adults in party mood, is that the equipment should be safe and stable, not prone to tipping up and showering burning charcoal everywhere.

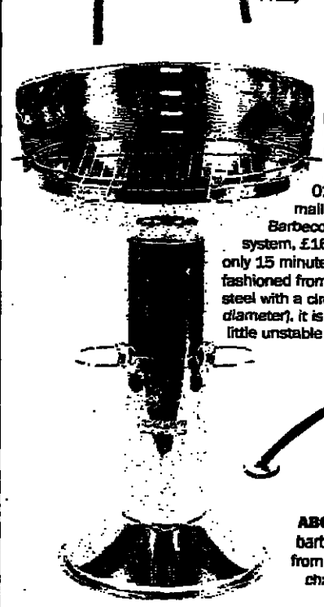
Gas and electric barbecues do not seem to be quite in the rustic, campfire spirit, but if it makes life easier, who needs rustic? However, it makes sense that the amount you invest bears some relation to the number of occasions you expect to use it. A disposable barbecue sounds extravagant, but even if you plan to have barbecues every week for the next three months, the Instant barbecue still works out inexpensive. And if you are only occasionally in the mood for chargrilled food, it is ideal; it has a grill, charcoal and an impregnated tissue for you to light and get the fire started.

On the other hand, a permanent brick oven might be a good investment, especially in a sheltered spot. That way you can bake bread and exotic pizzas and woodroast your vegetables at any time of the year.

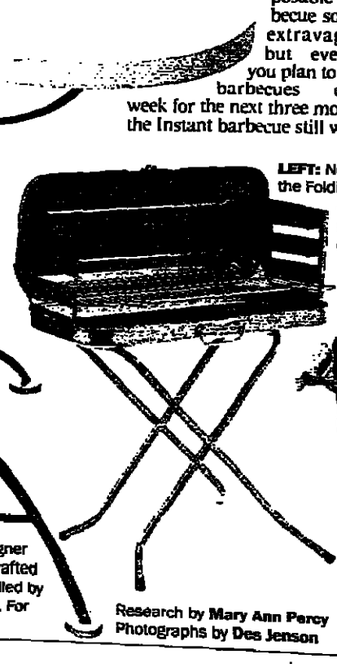
Of course, the barbecue is not your only expense. Solid tongs are essential, as are well-insulated long gloves to protect hands and wrists. A brush for basting is useful. For holding the food, wooden skewers can be used, provided you soak them well first, but flat metal skewers are a good investment. So too are folding racks for holding fish and other fragile ingredients, and citronella candles to discourage the bugs are a must.

FRANCES BISSELL

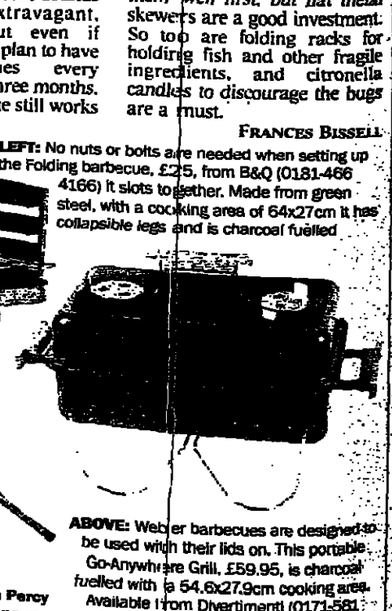
LEFT: If you are in a hurry, Divertimenti (0171-581 8065; 0181-246 4300 mail order) stocks the Barbecook Quickstart system, £169.95, which takes only 15 minutes. Stylishly fashioned from gleaming stainless steel with a circular grill (50cm diameter), it is top heavy and a little unstable



ABOVE: Made to order, Simon Percival's designer barbeque, £1,300, is stylish and functional. Crafted from stainless steel, brass and copper, it is fuelled by charcoal and has a cooking surface of 40cm. For commissions call 01453-731 478



LEFT: No nuts or bolts are needed when setting up the Folding barbecue, £25, from B&Q (0181-466 4166) it slots together. Made from green steel, with a cooking area of 64x27cm it has collapsible legs and is charcoal fuelled



ABOVE: Weber barbecues are designed to be used with their lids on. This portable Go-Anywhere Grill, £59.95, is charcoal fuelled with a 54.6x27.9cm cooking area. Available from Divertimenti (0171-581 8065; mail-order 0181-246 4300)

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Labels for less – on aisle six

Now you can find designer gear at the supermarket, reports Sarah Cunningham

If you fancy acquiring an item of Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren or Calvin Klein clothing on the cheap you now have a choice: get on a plane to the United States, or pop into your nearest large branch of Tesco.

British visitors to America have long wondered why designer goods, from Levi jeans to Nike trainers and Tommy Hilfiger jackets, often cost the same number of pounds at home as they do dollars across the Atlantic.

Tesco and Sainsbury's have clearly asked themselves the same question and, in the past year, have made it possible for customers to add Calvin Klein undies to their weekly supermarket shopping lists, paying a fraction of the normal British price.

The goods come from the so-called grey market, supplied from factories and retailers on the Continent with excess stock and sold to British supermarkets by middlemen. So far, clothing and footwear from Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Levi, Kickers, Nike and Adidas have made it on to Tesco's shelves. Sainsbury's has stocked many of the same.

The reaction of the designers, who do not want to see their precious goods sold alongside tins of tomatoes and packets of cornflakes, has been impotent fury — until now.

Tommy Hilfiger is the first big name label to find a way of fighting back. The company has served a writ on Tesco, claiming that some of the Hilfiger goods sold at bargain basement prices are actually counterfeits.

Tesco denies this, saying that it rigorously checked all of the goods it bought to make sure they were the real thing. It says that Hilfiger simply wants to "muddy the waters". The burden of proof is on Tesco, but it says that it is confident that when the case comes to court later this year, it will be able to prove that the clothing is authentic Hilfiger. A spokesman for Hilfiger was equally adamant that the goods are indeed fakes. "One doesn't take on Tesco without doing one's homework," a spokesman said.

Tesco insists that the designers are fully aware that their clothes are slipping out into the grey market, usually destined for street stalls, and care only when supermarkets begin trumpeting the fact that bargains are to be had.

The demand for designer goods has been drying up in the label-crazy Far East because of the economic crisis there, and stocks are high. They have to be got rid of somehow.

From a consumer's point of view, the issue of counterfeits aside, the argument in favour of buying your favourite brands at supermarkets looks fairly straightforward. Unless you really care about deep-pile carpet, the right mood-music and gum-chewing shop assistants to advise you, why should you go to a high street boutique to pay £60 for a Ralph Lauren Oxford shirt when you can get it for £30 at Tesco, particularly if it goes for $55 (£34) in the US? Equally, why go to the high street to pay double the £32 you will pay for Calvin Klein jeans at Sainsbury's?

Christine Cross, Tesco's buying director responsible for stocking the labels, admitted the chain makes a tiny profit on them. For example, it buys Levi 501 jeans at £26 from the middlemen — the same amount as the licensed retailers pay. It then sells them at £30, which, after costs, means almost no mark-up. A licensed retailer might ask as much as £65 for the same pair of jeans. The big-name designer labels are often sold with an even larger mark-up.

As is its wont, Tesco is enjoying the chance to set itself up as the consumer's champion. Such is the popularity of its campaign that it is thinking of stocking Levi 501s not only on a "when it's gone, it's gone" basis, but also running them as a full-blown product line.

Levi-Strauss is dead against Tesco or any other unlicensed retailer selling its jeans, and checks any unexpected appearance of its goods for evidence of counterfeiting. It insists that selling its jeans through selected outlets defends the "integrity" of the brand for the long term and that the prices consumers pay are higher here than in the United States because of high rents on shops, high VAT and higher fuel costs.

Tesco is planning to take a case outlawing so-called selective distribution, not just of clothes but also CDs and consumer electronics, to the European Court. It has the backing of Nigel Griffiths, the consumer minister.

Whatever the outcome, the ritzy brands may disappear from Tesco's and Sainsbury's shelves as suddenly as they arrived. So if you enjoy bargain shopping, buy now while stocks last.



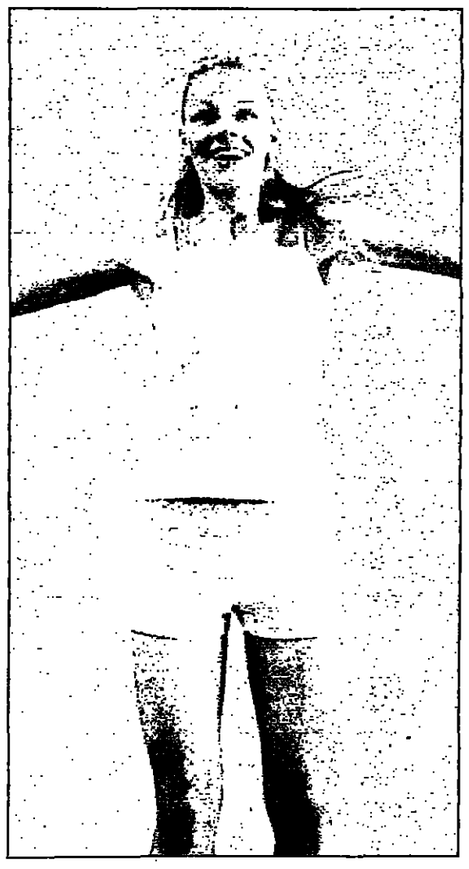
ABOVE: Purple and yellow leggings, £18, crop-top, £14, sweatshirt, £20, Puma at Sainsbury Savacentre (01189 368000)



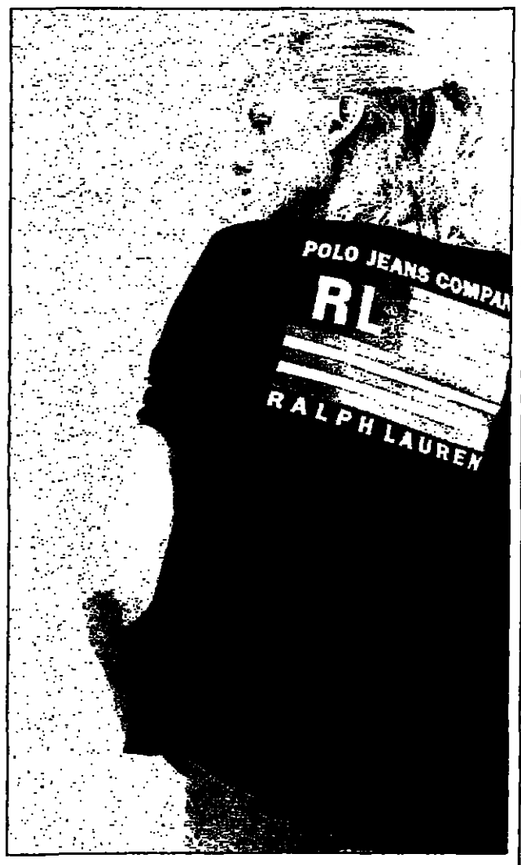
ABOVE: White top with side stripes, £7.99, and matching shorts, £5.99. George at Asda, stores nationwide (0500 100 055)



ABOVE: Hooded fleece, £18; stretch shorts, £12; cotton bra, £5, Calvin Klein, Tesco, selected stores nationwide (0800 505 555)



ABOVE: Blue towelling vest, £12, matching shorts, £12, Savacentre, as before

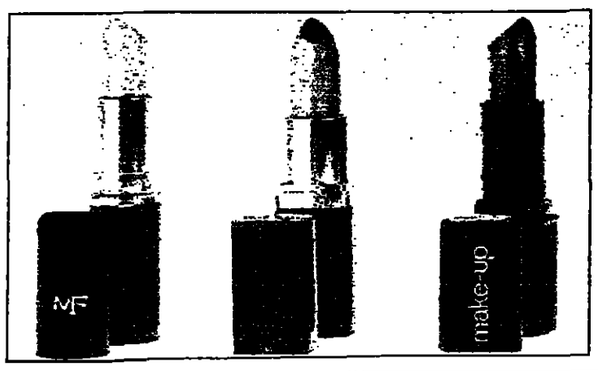


ABOVE: Black logo sweatshirt, £20, Ralph Lauren at Tesco, as before



ABOVE: White V-neck top, £14.99, deep-blue jersey shorts, £16.99, George at Asda, as before

THREE OF A KIND



MAKE WAY for this season's most popular shade of lipstick. From pale rose to flourescent fuschia, here are three of the best — picked fresh at the supermarket. AMANDIP UPPAL

LEFT: Pearly pink sheer lipstick, Maxfactor 830, £5.79, Asda, as before

CENTRE: Bright, shimming fuschia-pink lipstick, Maybelline New York, £4.99, Savacentre as before

RIGHT: Creamy, delicate rose matt lipstick 09, £4, Tesco own-brand, as before

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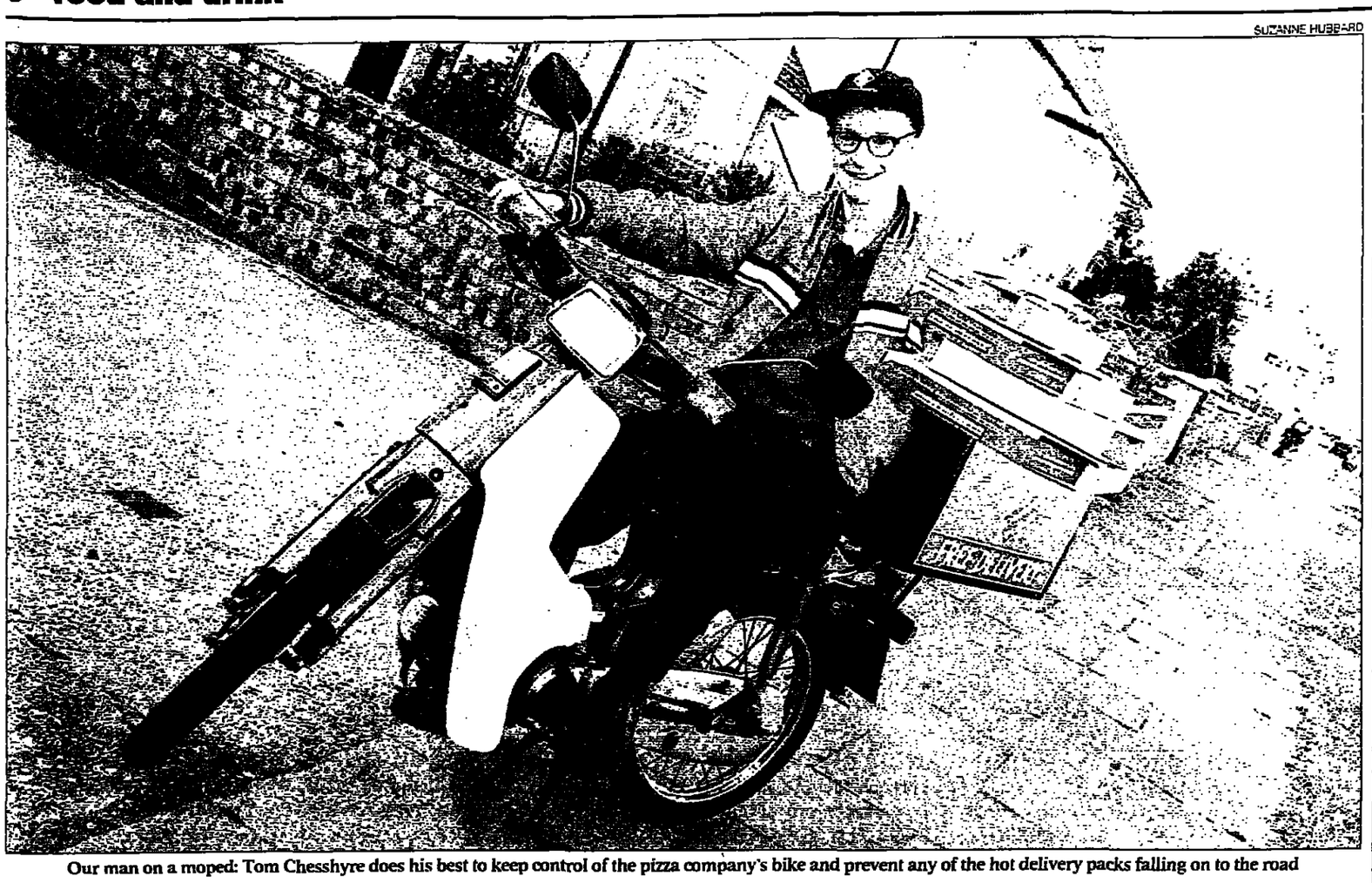
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Our man on a moped: Tom Chesshyre does his best to keep control of the pizza company's bike and prevent any of the hot delivery packs falling on to the road

Pepperoni Passion and football frenzy

Over the next few weeks, pizzas will be top nosh for World Cup followers. Tom Chesshyre gets on his bike

I was immediately reprimanded by Bob Bradley, who owns the franchise for Domino's Pizza in Rayners Lane, near Harrow, northwest London. "Your name badge is on the wrong side of your jacket," he said. "And could you tuck the T-shirt in — it looks sloppy hanging out like that."

I quickly corrected my sartorial indiscretions. "Now," said Bob, "when you carry one of the hot-bags you should always hold it flat. Don't tuck it under your arm like a briefcase — it ruins the pizza, all the toppings spill off." After I had assured him I would be careful, Bob said: "Well, OK then. I suppose you're ready to take an order."

With the World Cup kicking off on Wednesday, I was spending an evening delivering pizzas to report on what it is like to get on a moped and supply carbohydrates to hungry football fans. Pizzas are Britain's favourite delivery food and companies are predicting vast sales during World Cup month; orders almost doubled during Euro 96. Football and pizza, it seems, go together.

To get a flavour of the full tournament feeding frenzy, I worked my shift on the evening of England's last friendly (against Belgium). "It's gonna be busy," predicted Bob as he counted out my £15 float, "so when you come back from a delivery make sure you put *any £10 or £20 notes in a drop-off box. We don't want you carrying too much cash about* — it's an unnecessary risk."

My first delivery was a Pepperoni Passion (£6.39) to Hodson Close in Harrow. I was given a print-out of the address on a sticker (which I put on my jacket sleeve for reference) and was clocked out on the delivery computer (which had several flashing messages: "Drive Safely! Check for Accessories!")

I had no "accessories" — which could be Häagen-Dazs ice-cream, coleslaw, Chicken Dunkers (barbecued chicken wings), Hanky Panky chocolate mousses or garlic bread — so I went out to my moped, an automatic 50cc Honda with a top speed of 30mph. Aware of the glaring eyes of Bob and the other drivers, I wobbled away.

But Hodson Close was easy to find and the delivery was made within 30 minutes, the Domino's Pizza pledge — any later and the customer could have received a coupon for money off another order. I hoped the oil that had somehow escaped from the engine on to my hands would not be noticed and John, a regular, tipped me £1. Was he watching the England football match (which had just kicked off)? "No, we don't have satellite," he said. "But I'm going to watch as many of the World Cup games as I can."

> 'What you *should* do during the World Cup is deliver beers'

As a rookie, I was being given just one order at a time (experienced drivers take two or three), so I drove back to the *shop. The real rush was* expected during half-time, when most customers call.

I chatted to a few of the other drivers. Maulidi Ali, 25, a Spike Lee lookalike, said he had once narrowly avoided being set upon by a gang of youths late at night (the shop closes at midnight). He had managed to speed away, but muggings are common, as people know that pizza deliverers carry cash.

Glynn Davis, 18, said he had only recently started delivering again after one of the other moped drivers had a bad accident. "This woman backed straight into him," he said. "It really shook me up — I thought: what if that had happened to me?"

As we reflected on the hard lot of the pizza deliverer (the wages are £4 an hour), Bob came over. "Right, we've got another one for you. It's worth £26 and is for a bunch of football fans — we don't want this to be late." Glad to have been entrusted with such a big job, I grabbed a hot-bag, made sure I had everything (a medium pepperoni and sausage, a small chicken and sausage, a Diet Coke and two Hanky Pankys) and jumped on my moped.

Getting the moped off the pavement outside the shop, I almost lost my balance and was tooted and gesticulated at by a builder in a van. And then, having lost my composure, I lost my way in the one-way system of Rayners Lane. I was pouring with sweat by the *time I found the drop-off* addresss — fortunately (and unbelievably) on time.

The house had Liverpool football stickers on its windows and the door was answered by a bunch of lads. The transaction made (£4 tip), I asked what the score was. "It's nil-nil and it's pretty dull," said Dan. His mate Peter butted in. "What you should do during the World Cup," he said, "is deliver beers. That would be very convenient."

I said I would suggest it to my boss (who later told me it was impossible because of licensing laws) and headed back to the shop, where everyone was amazed at the size of my tip. Maulidi, who was chewing gum to stop the smell of pizzas making him feel hungry, said: "Some nights we only get £5 from 20 orders. It tends to be the poorer people who tip the most — rich people are a miserable lot."

I made several more deliveries during the match. One was to a council estate in Northolt where a huge white British bulldog with bloodshot eyes sat outside and stared at me. "Don't worry, he's harmless," said the owner (it did not look harmless to me). Another, in Ruislip, was to a tattooed man whose pitbull eyed me from the hallway.

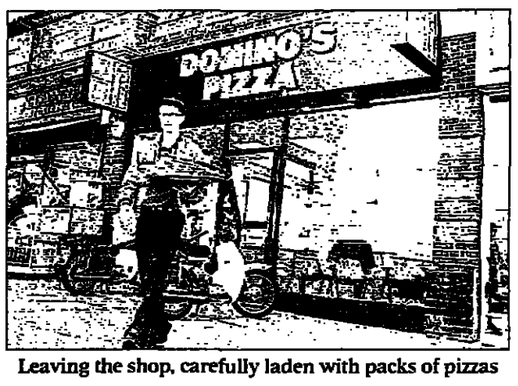
At each stop-off I was given an update on the score — almost everyone was watching the match and many fancied themselves as future Jimmy Hills.

After England lost 4-3 on penalties, one customer summarised at length. "Glen Hoddle has been chopping and changing the team too much," he said. "It's not been a good preparation for the World Cup. Today's match was a very drab affair."

I felt exhausted at the end of my five-hour shift — during *which I had made £12 in tips.* Bob said it had been a successful evening in terms of "pie hours" (the number of pizzas sold every hour). We had reached a maximum of 52 pizzas an hour during the match (during the World Cup it is likely to reach 100). A hard but fair taskmaster, he allowed me to take home a pizza (one of the perks). "If you ever need a job," he said, "just give me a call." Maybe after the World Cup, Bob.



Taking telephone orders at the company's headquarters



Leaving the shop, carefully laden with packs of pizzas



Delivering the vital carbohydrates during the match



Food for thought while watching a piece of the action

Drink



Jane MacQuitty

Gone are the days of weak and revolting rosé. This summer's revived tipple is pretty in pink

What's pretty, pink and gets a bad press? Pink wines, that's what. Ever since Mateus Rose gave the colour a bad name in the Seventies, followed by the equally dire, cloying rosé d'anjou, pink wines have had a rough ride. Rosé's reputation did not pick up a decade later, an era when California's white zinfandel or blush spawned a murky, equally sweet and flabby pink wine and pink-drink revival. The tail end of this troubled rosé regime threw up grim lambrusco rosato and even pink liebfraumilch. Oh dear.

Yet the 1990s' swing to red wines, drunk by a more demanding and knowledgeable generation of wine drinkers, has greatly increased rosé's social standing and boosted sales. Last year, quality pink wine's share of the wine market rose, the rest didn't. And, who knows, with pink as this summer's hottest fashion colour, perhaps rosés will again be in vogue.

Pink wine's poor reputation stemmed in part from the cheap-skate methods used to produce it. The worst of these was to strip the colour out of cheap reds, in order to sell them on more profitably as rosé. And almost as unpleasant were those pinks made by blending red and white wines until the pink hue was achieved.

The slow road to rosé respectability has come about through better, more flavourful grapes going into pink wine. These include the well-travelled, blackcurranty cabernet sauvignon, plummy merlot, redcurranty cabernet franc, spicy syrah and peppery grenache. Better pink wine production methods have helped too. The saignée method is the best of these, where a vat of fermenting red grapes, complete with their skins, has a portion of the just-stained pink juice bled, or run, off, hence the name. This method performs a doubly useful service in that besides a decent rosé being made, the fermenting red wine left in the vat is richer, darker and more concentrated as a result.

Vin gris pinks differ in that the free-run juice from whole bunches of grapes is swiftly removed from the pigment-rich skins and fermented alone, so that a very pale ballet-slipper pink is the result. All good pinks now appear to weigh in at a decent flavour-enhancing 12 per cent alcohol or more. In the old days most pinks were a wishy-washy 11 per cent or less.

What I like most about pink wines is their ability to cope with a wide range of different foods and palates. This is the tried and trusted bottle to serve with everything from a fiery curry to a garlicky summer aïoli-enhanced salad. Cooks who are keen on the modern trend of piling on numerous different herbs and fruit-and-vegetable-derived garnishes on one plate need to know how accommodating a good rosé can be with complicated cuisine like this.

Summer 1998's best cheap rosé goes unsurprisingly not to the Lurtons' green yet flabby 97 Rosé d'Anjou (£3.79) nor 97 Cabernet Rosé de Loire (£3.99) at Sainsbury's, but to the light, juicy Winter Hill Syrah Rosé (Waitrose, £3.39). This is not a great pink, but it has been made by the saignée method and will go down well chilled with simple summer salads and the like. One step up is Hugh Ryman's consistently good 1997 Domaine de la Tuilerie Rosé, a Vin de Pays d'Oc, whose grassy, green style will work well with fish and seafood dishes (Sainsbury's, £3.99).



If meaty salads are what you have in mind, then you will need a richer rosé to wash them down with. In the past, I have been monumentally unimpressed by Chilean rosé, but the 1997 vintage has produced some charmers such as the 97 Santa Rita Cabernet Rosé (Majestic, £4.49), whose juicy and blackcurranty taste calls out for a plate of rare roast beef. If your idea of a rosé is one with plenty of personality, then try Italy's chiaretto rosés, one colour and flavour level deeper and richer than the standard rosatos. Majestic Wine Warehouses stock the 1997 Cavalchina Estate Chiaretto (£4.99), a juicily elegant pink with that characteristic snap of bitterness on the finish.

As ever, my top rosé vote this summer goes to the de Sours Bordeaux stable. Best value for money is the 1997 Domaine de Sours Bordeaux Rosé (Sainsbury's, £4.99), a zesty, lemony, inky mouthful. Or, if you want to swig pink in style, then trade up to the 1997 Château de Sours Bordeaux Rosé (Majestic Wine, £5.99; Corney & Barrow, 12 Helmet Road, London EC1, £6.98), whose ripe, redcurranty fruit is the best vintage that Esmé Johnstone and his crew have made to date.

Pink wines continue to be fun: frivolous they ain't.

Next week: *Top 100 wines of summer*

THE DRINKS THAT TIME FORGOT

Milk stout

MILK AND sweeteners have for centuries been added to beer, with a host of supposed health benefits. Charles Macklin, 18th-century rival of David Garrick, swore by it, and he escaped the hangman's noose (following a murderous thespian punch-up concerning a wig), to see his 100th birthday.

Milk stout proper was a Victorian invention, but reached the peak of its popularity among the working classes between the wars, when "healthy" beers enjoyed a cult following. It was widely thought that the addition of lactose — milk sugars derived from cheese making — would leave more much-needed carbohydrates and calories in a sweeter, less alcoholic beer.

After the war, however, the Ministry of Food insisted on the removal of spurious health claims, including the word "milk" and even the old-fashioned milk-urn image from labels of Mackeson. This still sells well (without the milk now, but with the urn back in place) although in nothing like the quantities of even the 1960s, when Ena Sharples supped it in the Rovers, and Bernard Miles would bluster: "Looks good, tastes good, and by golly it does you good." The use of chocolate malts and caramel lends the jet-black brew 'a coffee-like aroma with still a hint of milk drops — quite delicious with a slice of fruitcake.

Traditional milk stout — "a tonic for invalids" — is now only available from the once-British island of Malta. That stout in any form has survived the lager onslaught is remarkable, and is probably due to the continuing marketing genius of that other creamy, black prescription for nursing mums — Guinness.

KATE STRONACH



Coronation Street's Ena Sharples drank it

HENRY HARRIS'S CHEAT OF THE WEEK

IT WAS my brother Matthew's birthday last Sunday. Glorious blazing sunshine ensured that a garden lunch would be a certainty. This also meant that the barbecue would get an airing, and in line with many of the barbecues of Brighton and Hove it was wheeled out and connected to a fresh bottle of gas. The purists among you may scoff, but the versatility and the convenience of intense heat in under five minutes is a real boon in our variable climate, and, in the recipe that follows, the ability to control the heat output means that the charred offerings of the traditional British barbecue are no more.



As you might remember from a previous cheat, I am fond of the barbecue at any time of year, and with the variable heat it means that virtually anything can be attempted.

Having a chef for a brother has its advantages, and in this instance a love of good, bloody rare beef, especially when cooked on a barbeque, has to be one of them. Matthew turned up having visited the local butchers and, coming away with a good fat fillet of prime Scottish beef, all *that was required to prepare the meat for* cooking was a good trimming.

There's no need to go through all the hassle of doing this yourself, but ask your butcher to keep the trimmings and freeze them to make a sauce on another day.

FILLET OF BEEF
Serves 8

Take your trimmed fillet (it should weigh about 2kg), season it to your taste and rub it with some olive oil. Preheat the barbeque at full power. Place the beef on the grill and brown well on all sides, this took me about 15 to 20 minutes, though I caution you against cremating it.

Now here is the clever bit: when the meat is a good dark brown (the odd scorch mark is fine), find a shallow roasting pan that will fit in the barbeque with the lid down, and place the beef on it. Then put the pan on the grill and when it starts to sizzle, throw in a few bashed cloves of garlic, a few sprigs of rosemary and half a glass of red wine.

When the wine starts to boil close the lid of the barbeque, turn off the gas, and leave the meat to rest for 15 minutes. Then transfer the meat to a carving board, slice it and serve it along with the juices from the pan. It will serve eight people.

The fillet may well be pricey but it is a near perfect way of ensuring that everyone will get a couple of slices of beautifully rare grilled beef.

● *The author is head chef at Harvey Nichols Fifth Floor restaurant in Knightsbridge, London*

STAR BUYS

1997 Penfolds Rawsons Retreat, Bin 202 Riesling, South Australia, Co-op £3.49, Waitrose, Safeway, Oddbins, Thresher, £3.99.

Even better than the previous vintage, this classy riesling is a blend this year from South Australia's Eden Valley and Adelaide Hills regions, both prime white grape country. Enjoy its zesty, lemon curd and lime peel-stashed style, as an aperitif, or with fishy salads



1997 Australian Shiraz-Ruby Cabernet, Safeway £3.99.

Safeway's own-label Australian offerings are a cut above the rest, as the latest vintage of this splendid red proves. Made by Hardy's, this easy drinking red is a blend this year of 60 per cent shiraz to 40 per cent ruby cabernet grapes. This bright, juicy, raspberry-redolent wine makes a grand summer glugger and it takes well to being served cool on hot days.



BEST OF THE REST

Thresher celebrates 100 years of trading with a party in Battersea Park, south London, today and tomorrow (aim for the children's zoo area). Live music, and wine, food and cocktails at keen prices. Take your pick, too, from a tasting of 200 wines: today 11am-4.30pm (£5), and 6pm-11pm (£15); tomorrow noon-10pm (£10). Tickets at the gate, or call 0870 121 0120.

The Times Cook



Frances Bissell

On Derby Day, enjoy a taste of American racing tradition — a sensational mint julep

Frozen mint juleps clutched in our hands, we watched Real Quiet come up from behind to win the 124th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, his jockey, Kent Desormeaux, yelling: "Go baby, go." It was an exciting two minutes. Then thoughts turned to food.

It occurred to me that with our own Derby being run at Epsom this afternoon, flavours of the Deep South might make a good racing day lunch or dinner.

Just as our famous sporting occasions have particular food and drink associations (think Pimm's at Henley, strawberries and cream at Wimbledon, picnics at Glyndebourne), America's Derby Day is for ever associated with mint juleps. But strawberries usually feature, too, and almost certainly a whole cold ham. This will be served with hot biscuits, rather like our scones, and plenty of relishes. An oyster stew, or shrimp puffs, might be served to begin with, or some marinated asparagus, or even, with a nod to the Spanish heritage of the Deep South, gazpacho tarts.

The important ingredient, however, is fresh mint. When we went shopping on the morning of the race, mint was selling like, well, like mint on Kentucky Derby Day. The way I made the juleps was to put half a dozen fresh mint leaves in the bottom of each tumbler with a teaspoon of sugar. The mint leaves are crushed or "muddled"



with the spoon against the side of the glass, and the sugar's abrasive texture helps to crush the mint. Then a teaspoon or so of water is added to dissolve the sugar. Each tumbler is packed to the brim with crushed ice, and bourbon is then poured over the ice until the tumbler is full.

I did not have time to carry out the next stage, as the horses were being led from the ring to the strains of *My Old Kentucky Home*. The tumblers should have been put in the refrigerator for 15 minutes to get a nice frost on them. This allows some of the ice to melt, and you then, apparently, put a tablespoon of bourbon on top so that your first sip is a good strong one. Decorate with a sprig of fresh mint.

For a non-native, the first mint julep is described as a "sensation", the second as a "rhythmic benefaction", and the third "a grievous error". We found one mint julep to be an "elegant sufficiency", as they say in the South.

The next day I studied my friend Carolyn's library of southern cookbooks to discover that while my mint julep recipe was fine in its rough and ready way, it was by no means the only one. I found at least as many as there were horses in the race. There is clearly no authorised version. Some make a sugar syrup, some let the mixture steep with the mint and bourbon for hours before the ice is added. I disagree. Freshness in mint is all.

My method, outlined above, works well for up to half a dozen glasses. If I were making a large quantity, I would use the recipe below, preparing a mint syrup. Have the ice crushed in advance and put it back in the freezer; it is surprising how long it takes to crush enough ice to fill four tumblers.

Use some more bourbon in a rich butterscotch sauce to go with a peach and almond tart, as an alternative to strawberries and cream.

Mint julep
Serves 6-10

- Generous handful of mint leaves
- 6tbsp granulated sugar
- 12tbsp water
- Crushed ice, sufficient to fill all the tumblers
- ½ bottle bourbon
- 6-10 sprigs of fresh mint

Put your tumblers and bourbon in the freezer. Tear up the mint leaves in your fingers and crush in a mortar with the sugar. Transfer to a saucepan, using some of the measured water to rinse the mortar of mint, and put that, too, in the saucepan.

Bring the mint, sugar and water to the boil. Remove from the heat and steep until the liquid is cool. Strain into a glass jug and refrigerate.

When you are ready to make the juleps, put a generous teaspoon of syrup into each chilled tumbler and fill with crushed ice. Stir. Divide the bourbon among the glasses. Stir again, stick in a mint sprig and serve.

Shrimp puffs
Makes 18

- 150ml water
- 65g butter
- Pinch of salt
- 75g plain flour
- 2 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
- 200g peeled, cooked shrimps or prawns
- 2tbsp crème fraîche, mayonnaise or thick Greek yoghurt
- 2 spring onions, trimmed and finely chopped
- 2 or 3 sprigs fresh dill, finely chopped
- Freshly ground black pepper

First make a choux paste by bringing to the boil the water, butter and salt. Tip in the flour and stir vigorously with a wooden spoon, until the mixture becomes smooth and begins to leave the side of the pan. Remove from the heat and beat in the eggs, a little at a time, making sure each addition is thoroughly incorporated into the mixture. Keep beating until you have a smooth paste.

Spoon or pipe the mixture into 18 heaps on a lightly buttered baking sheet. Bake in a preheated oven at 220C, gas mark 7 for 15 minutes, until puffed up and golden.

Remove and cool on a wire rack, making a slit in the bottom to let the steam escape. Meanwhile, roughly chop the shrimps and mix with the remaining ingredients. When the choux puffs are cool, split them and spoon in the shrimp mixture. Pile on a platter and serve.

Gazpacho tarts in spiced pastry
Makes 2 to 3 dozen, depending on size of tart tins

Pastry:

- 250g plain flour
- 125g (ie half a pack) salted butter, chilled and diced
- 1tsp each ground cardamom, cumin, coriander and paprika
- Iced water

Filling:

- 1 cucumber
- 5 or 6 ripe tomatoes
- 1 green and one red sweet pepper
- Salt
- Pepper
- 1tsp sherry vinegar
- 1 sheet or 1tsp gelatine

Rub the flour and butter together until crumbed. Stir in the spice and enough iced water to bind. Knead briefly and lightly on a floured worktop. Cover the pastry and let it rest in a cool place.

Put a sieve over a bowl. Peel the tomatoes, halve them, then scoop the seeds and pulp into the sieve. Thinly peel most of the skin from the cucumber, halve it and scoop the seeds into the sieve.

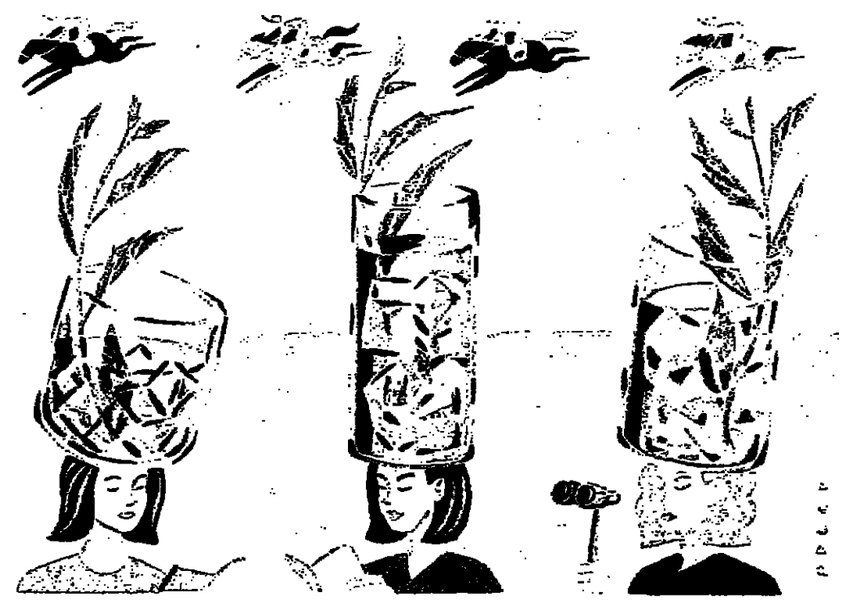
Peel the peppers, cut off the caps and discard the seeds. Finely chop all the vegetables, put in a bowl, season lightly and mix in the vinegar. If you like, you can add chopped shallots or spring onions.

Rub the pulp in the sieve to obtain as much liquid as possible. Measure 150ml into a Pyrex jug, adding water or vegetable stock to make up the amount if necessary. In it soften the gelatine, and then put the jug in a pan of hot water to let it dissolve.

Meanwhile, line tartlet tins with the pastry, prick all over, and bake blind for 12 to 15 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180C, gas mark 4.

Remove the tarts and allow to cool on wire racks. Spoon in the mixed vegetables, draining, if necessary, then flatten them and add a teaspoon of the gelatine liquid.

Allow to set in a cool place and then serve.



ALAN ADLER

Peach and almond tart with bourbon butterscotch sauce
Serves 6 to 8

- 250g short pastry, from recipe above, replacing the spices with: 2tbsp caster sugar
- 200g to 250g almond paste
- 6 to 8 peaches
- 2tbsp demerara sugar

Line a 25cm loose-bottomed tart ring with the short pastry. Flatten the almond paste, or roll it out, and line the bottom of the pastry case with it.

Slice the peaches and arrange them over the almond paste. Sprinkle with sugar, and bake for about 40-45 minutes in a pre-heated oven at 180C, gas mark 4.

Serve warm, with the sauce.

THE PERFECT GRAVADLAX

THIS IS an ideal treatment for fish for summer entertaining: it keeps well for several days in the refrigerator. This classic recipe is Scandinavian in origin, the name meaning buried salmon.

■ YOU NEED: a whole salmon or sea trout, filleted, or a filleted tail piece; handfuls of fresh dill; freshly ground black pepper; coarse sea salt; demerara or light muscovado sugar; Akvavit (optional, can use whisky or vodka).

■ METHOD: Mix salt, pepper and sugar in proportions of 2:1:½. Spoon this over the base of a platter large enough to hold the fish, and add chopped dill. Place one fillet on platter, skin side down. Cover generously with seasoning and dill, and a sprinkling of spirit, if using. Top with the other fillet, skin side up, and season and cover with dill. Cover the whole with foil or film, weigh down and refrigerate for 24-48 hours.

■ TO SERVE: Drain off the liquid, wipe off the seasoning and slice. Serve with brown bread and butter. Off-cuts can be stirred into pasta or scrambled eggs.

Next week: *The perfect Spanish omelette*



Bourbon butterscotch sauce

- 6 to 8 peach kernels, crushed
- 250g granulated sugar
- 100ml water
- 300ml double cream
- 2-3tbsp bourbon

Boil the kernels with the sugar and water for 2 to 3 minutes, then strain into a clean saucepan. Cook the syrup until it caramelises, then stir in the cream and bourbon.

Cook for 2 to 3 minutes to amalgamate the flavours and evaporate the alcohol.

Serve with the peach tart.

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Next week: *Local heroes*

Paul Durkin will be our man in black in France. **Joe Warwick** spoke to the referee's mum about his favourite meals as a young man

English right to the bone

While there will be 22 players representing England in the World Cup, there is going to be only one English referee on call. Paul Durkin, 42, who controlled this year's FA Cup, will be carrying the flag and the cards for English referees everywhere.

Despite his rise to the unofficial title of England's top referee, he is still a target for disgruntled managers, fans, players and pundits. This season he was involved in two controversial sendings-off, dismissing Manchester United's Gary Pallister and Bolton's Nathan Blake in the same game, and forcing Arsenal's Emmanuel Petit to take an early bath when the player pushed him.

Paul Durkin grew up in Dorset although his roots are much further north, with both parents emanating from Yorkshire. His passion for football was instilled in him by his father, Bill, who played for Bradford City, Rotherham, Aldershot and Weymouth before finishing his career as trainer-coach for Portland, where the family eventually settled.

Mrs Durkin remembers her son as a child with a healthy appetite who was never a picky eater. "He loved his food and would never have gone hungry, both him and his brother. Neither of them liked school dinners but they liked good home cooking — roast beef and Yorkshire pudding and meat and potato pie, the Yorkshire way."

Although young Paul was always passionate about football, he never showed the same enthusiasm in the kitchen. "I can't say he had any interest in cooking. He did it if he was hungry. If I wasn't about, he'd always make himself sausages, eggs and beans and things like that. He'd never let himself go hungry."

His favourite meal was always meat and potato pie. "It is a Yorkshire dish and I don't think anybody else round here knows how to make it properly," she says with pride.

Paul Durkin passed his refereeing exams and started in the game at the age of 16. He courted controversy early in his career when he showed no favours to his brother, sending him off in a local match for a bad challenge. This did not go down well with his mother, as she explains: "His brother had been playing football and came home and said that he'd been booked. So, of course, I got queer. I said that it was very unfair. If he had just said to him to clear off or something but to book him ... At that time his brother had just finished his apprenticeship. He'd lost his job and was out of work. So of course he didn't have much money, and he had to come and scrounge off me because they were fined in those days. So I wasn't very happy."





England's World Cup ref, Paul Durkin, left, and as a mascot for Portland FC, right

HOME COOKING

Off the pitch, it was Mrs Durkin who was in control of the young referee and his siblings. "I would dish their meals up and they would always have to sit at the table. There was none of this modern stuff where they sit with trays in front of a television. We always sat down as a family and they had to ask to leave the table when they'd finished. If they wanted seconds or there was anything left they would finish it off," she says, explaining her rules.

Mrs Durkin has strong memories of catering for birthday parties for her children. "I used to have 12 or 14 kids around the house. Now they go and pay McDonald's, don't they, and have all these fancy birthday parties. In those days we had what kids like, which was sausages on sticks, trifles, jellies and chocolate biscuits," she recalls.

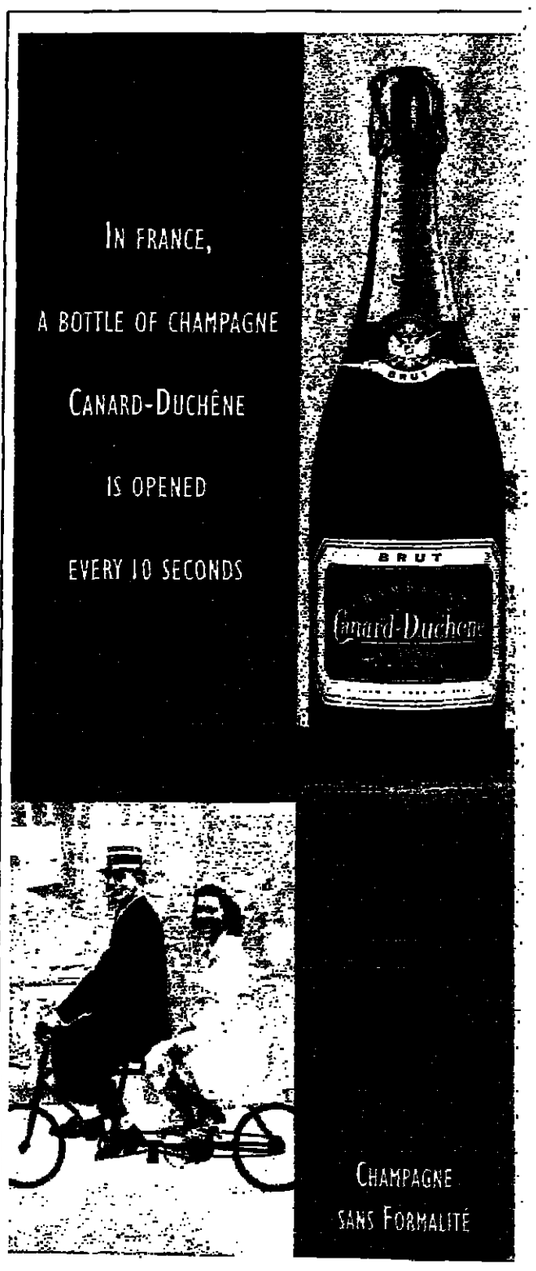
His mother remembers that Paul had a sweet tooth; his favourite pudding was "jam roly-poly, which his father used to make for him".

During the football season, Mrs Durkin still has to cater for her grown-up son when he goes to matches with his father. "I'm still sending them away with packed lunches to this day, and that's no joke. When he takes his dad to a match, I pack them packets of rolls with whatever's in them, sweets, bottle drinks, the little meatpies he likes and a packet of mints," she says.

Mrs Durkin and her husband are disappointed that they won't be making it to France to watch their son in action but she is relieved that she won't have to eat the food. "I'm not all that keen on French food. I never seem to be able to find anything that takes my fancy."

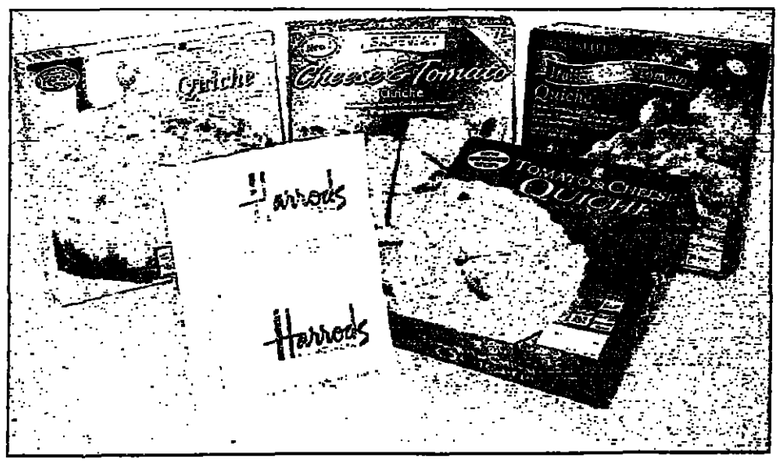
MORE FOOD & DRINK IN the times

Jonathan Meades on more World Cup restaurants plus Superchefs in waiting



CONSUMING INTERESTS: QUICHES

A friend used to, in all innocence, pronounce quiche "kwish". A forgivable mistake, because most of those encountered on Britain's food shelves little resemble French quiche and have a distinctly kwishy texture. I heard recently that Tesco, believing that men have a marked disinclination to be seen anywhere near a quiche, was considering launching a new range of "hunky quiche". Alas, the quiche with man appeal has not yet arrived — there was only one among those tried that I would consider buying again. ROBIN YOUNG



St Michael Tomato & Cheese Quiche, *£1.99 for 400g*
Claims: "With fresh tomatoes, cheddar cheeses and a rich cream custard. Delicious hot or cold. Suitable for vegetarians."
Verdict: The home-made appearance, well stippled with tomato, promised well, but the crumbly quiche made it very fragile. Despite this, it was second best for flavour, helped by traces of Dijon mustard, pepper, thyme and red chilli in the recipe. ★★½

Safeway Cheese & Tomato Quiche, *£1.69 for 340g*
Claims: "Made with mature cheddar and tomato in a crisp shortcrust pastry case. New! Suitable for vegetarians."
Verdict: Includes genetically modified soya flour, 10 per cent vegetarian cheddar, 9 per cent tomato, and 4 per cent vegetarian Red Leicester. Very pale and insipid when tackled cold. A stodgy, off-putting texture and scant flavour; only marginally better when served hot. ½

Somerfield Italian Style Tomato Quiche, *£2.25 for 325g*
Claims: "New. Fresh tomato, egg, parmesan cheese, sundried tomato and basil in a shortcrust pastry case. Delicious hot or cold. Ready to eat. Suitable for vegetarians."
Verdict: 14 per cent tomato plus sundried tomato paste, with a total 11 per cent cheese (three per cent parmesan), fried onions, basil, mustard, pepper, nutmeg and lemon juice could not overcome the ruinously poor, bready base. Better hot, but again not much. ½

Co-op Tomato & Cheese Quiche, *£1.59 for 360g*
Claims: "New improved recipe. Suitable for vegetarians. This product is fully cooked and may be eaten hot or cold."
Verdict: The flavour, enhanced by 10 per cent tomato, 13 per cent cheese and traces of mustard, sundried tomato, wine vinegar, white pepper and ground nutmeg, was better than the wilted appearance suggested, but the filling was scant in proportion to an over-thick pastry case, and unlikely to convert anyone to quiche. ★

Harrods Tomato and mozzarella quiche, *£1.40 per slice, £11.20 whole*
Claims: No added additives or preservatives. Contents are basil, milk, cream, eggs etc.
Verdict: Very disappointing. Undercooked pastry, with a moist, blancmange-like filling more than an inch deep. There were basil leaves on top and stringy bits of tomato within. Was there supposed to be some cheese flavour? There wasn't. Very wet and assuredly only for wimps. **No star**

Sainsbury's Broccoli, Cheese and Tomato Quiche, *£2.59 for 645g*
Claims: "Broccoli florets, vegetarian mature cheddar cheese and fresh cream with a tomato layer in a shortcrust pastry case. Suitable for vegetarians. Delicious hot or cold." Ingredients include whipping cream, Dijon mustard and garlic.
Verdict: The addition of broccoli and the arrangement of tomato as a foundation layer between the pastry and the rest of the filling made a world of difference even though there was noticeably much less tomato in the quiche than in the picture on the package. Good flavour, well constructed, easy to slice — this was the only one I considered worth finishing or would contemplate buying again. ★★★½

'It's this willingness to test the edges of reasonable behaviour that makes teenagers fine guardians of bizarre country sports'

Getting hot under the collar

DOWN TO EARTH



LUCY PINNEY

It was reassuring to discover, a few days ago, that attempts to ban the bizarre yearly ritual of cheese-rolling had failed. Despite being told by officials that safety and insurance problems forbade the bowling of truckle cheeses down a steep hill near Brockworth in Gloucestershire, a few determined countryfolk did it illicitly, at dawn.

Really, it's ridiculous to try to stop an archaic activity such as cheese-rolling on the grounds that it's dangerous and causes physical injury, because nearly all country sports are the same. You might as well ban them for being silly. They have a unique charm precisely because they're so pointlessly risky and involve so much footling preparation.

For instance, on the 21st of next month, in the Devon town of Honiton, mountains of small change will be carefully roasted in baking trays and then, once a town crier has patrolled the streets in ceremonial dress, these unpleasantly hot coins will be shovelled out of pub windows on to the crowds below.

It's almost impossible for participants to enjoy Hot Penny Day — although it's probably wonderful to be up in a pub window, hurling change. It's even worse if you take children: toddlers become understandably cranky when broiling hot 2p pieces are dropped on their heads. In fact, the only sort of human being who seems capable of deriving pleasure from this ancient tradition is a large, rough, adolescent boy. (Preferably one with a heavy coat which he can hold over his head while he tramples smaller, weaker folk underfoot.)

I have a theory that all these rural sports were initially devised by medieval adolescents, since they have that fiendish ingenuity, yet basic pointlessness, that typifies so much teenage behaviour. A more recent country activity — scavenger hunting — is a good example of the same mentality in operation. As played in the 1930s by my mother and her companions, this involved drawing up a list of objects, and then spending the whole day in search of them. The point of the game was that the purloining of each item on the list had to cause horrendous annoyance and distress to grown-ups. A keen gardener's prize peach; an elderly uncle's treasured store of cigars: the laces from the boots of an especially bad-tempered public servant — all these were likely to become prime targets. And of course, the more grown-ups tried to ban scavenger hunts, the more popular they became.

The same is true of archaic country sports. The worst, and more destructive, thing that can happen to them is not being outlawed but becoming approved of by the establishment, and consequently prettied up. I can't help feeling that this must have happened, centuries ago, to Morris dancing.

Recently a group of Morris dancers came and performed outside our village pub, and while they were springing decoratively about, waving hankies and beribboned sticks, a group of children hiding in the nearby churchyard, attracted by the music, began copying the dancing. Only instead of small sticks they used large ones, inflicting the occasional vicious blow, and they were capering around on gravestones. I'm sure I wasn't the only spectator who felt that the childrens' naughty version was probably closer in spirit to the pre-Christian original.

You can see the same childish naughtiness in action in the town of Ottery St Mary, famous for its tar barrels. There, barrels which have been steeping in tar all year are set alight on November 5, and men and women race about the narrow, impossibly crowded streets with these huge, flaming objects balanced on their necks. They don't wear asbestos suits, either: just oven gloves and a small, damp piece of sacking. It's extremely alarming to watch — especially once night falls, and it seems miraculous each year that no one is killed or savagely burnt. The fact that nothing dreadful has happened so far is more likely due to the benign care of the local police force and medical centre. And yet, I have heard rumours that even this small element of safety is being played with, teasingly, by a few of the barrel-carriers. Allegedly, some of the younger ones have devised a point-scoring system: one point if you run at a friend with a barrel and cause them to bolt, screaming in terror; two points for doing the same to a "foreigner"; and ten points if you manage to horrify a policeman (more if it's a policewoman).

It's this willingness constantly to test the edges of reasonable behaviour that makes teenagers such fine guardians of bizarre country sports. It's obvious that, under cover of a superficial, deceptive silliness, such activities must have been about pushing social restraints, and physical abilities, to the limit.

And, of course, country sports also give a useful insight into the wide spectrum of things that human beings find enjoyable. Otherwise, how else would we ever know that there are people in Gloucestershire who enjoy being run over by a truckle cheese, or folk in Honiton who are not averse to the odd hot penny dropping down their neck?

The otter returns to our rivers

At the start of National Wildlife Week, **Derwent May** applauds the successes of Britain's Wildlife Trusts

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Otters have increased in large numbers over the past ten years due to conservation work. They are even back in the upper reaches of the Thames

Slowly and inconspicuously the Wildlife Trusts have grown up all over the UK, becoming the guardians of nature in our country. Between them, they own 2,300 nature reserves on which everything from rare orchids to doormice and otters are protected. They organise numerous nature projects such as seeing that roadside verges are not cut by councils until wild flowers have seeded.

They have 300,000 members, and have received £29 million from the lottery to help them in their work.

The next nine days, from June 6 to 14, is National Wildlife Week, and there are thousands of events to celebrate it. In particular, the trusts are celebrating the theme "Water for Life".

On Monday they will be publishing a report entitled Splashback, about the return of the otter to our rivers. Cheeringly, it reveals that otters have increased in large numbers over the past ten years. These sleek and beautiful mammals suffered greatly from the leakage of organochlorine pesticides into rivers in the 1950s and 1960s. Much of their natural habitat was also lost with the draining of wetlands and the removal of trees and bushes that gave them cover along the riverbanks.

Since those poisonous pesticides were banned, the Wildlife Trusts have led the way in improving conditions for otters. Using volunteers, and working with landowners and water companies, they have restored riverbanks and improved water quality and fish supply in hundreds of former otter haunts. In particular, they have replaced the resting sites that otters need. Otters fish at night and rest for much of the day in tree-roots, hollow logs and so on. The Wildlife Trusts have been creating artificial resting places, which they call "log-pile holts". As a result, otters have spread into the river systems north and east of Wales and Devon, as well as southwards from Scotland and the north of England. They are also back in the upper reaches of the Thames.

But the report also points to new dangers that lie in wait for them. If another chemical, the synthetic pyrethroids that are sold for sheep dipping, leak into rivers, even in small quantities, they can destroy shrimps, dragonfly larvae and other insects on which fish and — further up the food chain — otters (and kingfishers and dippers) depend. The Wildlife Trusts are campaigning vigorously for their withdrawal until they can be made completely safe.

Habitat loss also still threatens otters — and road traffic is killing more and more of them. If they cannot swim under bridges when the water is high, they take to the land — and are often hit by cars. So tunnels through the bank must be made for them. Nevertheless, otters are recovering and, though they are shy and elusive, there is a good chance of seeing one again in certain places (*see below*).

Another watery creature of concern to the Wildlife Trusts is the water vole. Wildlife Watch, the junior branch of the trusts, with 20,000 members, is organising a scheme called Water Volewatch this summer. It invites the young to look for water voles in their neighbourhood from salt marshes to garden ponds. A leaflet about Ratty (the most famous water vole in literature), and how to find and record him, can be obtained from: Wildlife Watch, The Green, Waterside South, Lincoln LN5 7JR.

As for the events of Wildlife Week, it is only possible to mention a few here. In both Devon and Cornwall, the trust is organising night walks to hear nightjars and other nocturnal creatures — Devon today, Cornwall next Wednesday. In Dorset on Monday, you can see the inhabitants of Kimmeridge Bay through a live link-up to an underwater camera. At Lavernock Wildlife Reserve in Glamorgan you can view rare orchids on Sunday morning, June 14. Also on that date, you can go birdwatching on a paddle-steamer round the Pembrokeshire islands. This afternoon you can go rockpooling at Rottingdean, East Sussex.

For all events telephone your county Wildlife Trust: You can get the number from directory inquiries, or telephone the Wildlife Trusts HQ at Lincoln (01522 544400).

OTTER SPOTTING

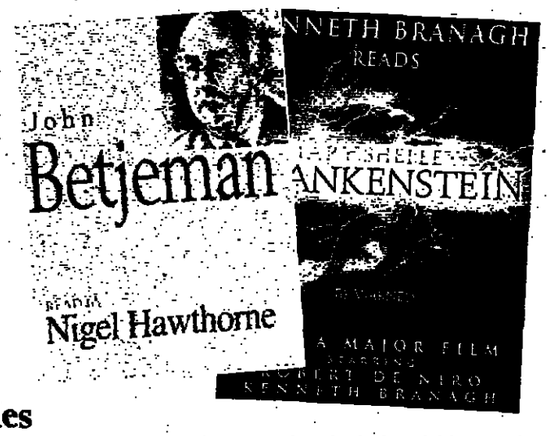
- Devon. Tarka Trail, c/o Bideford Station, EX39 6DA. 01237 423655; River Torridge Headwaters Project and Dart Valley Nature Reserve. Devon Wildlife Trust: 01392 279244.
- Derbyshire. Chestnut Centre, Peak District National Park, 01298 814099.
- Durham. Joe's Pond, Rainton Meadows, plus Low Barns Nature Reserves. Wildlife Trust: 0191-584 3112.
- Hampshire. New Forest Otter, Owl and Wildlife Conservation Park, Longdown (01703 292408).
- Midlands. River Severn, Shrewsbury, Shropshire Wildlife Trust: 01743 241691; River Severn Trail (Heart of England Tourist Board): 01905 763436.
- Norfolk. Hickling Broad, Ranworth Broad and Cley reserves. Norfolk Wildlife Trust: 01603 625540.
- Northern Ireland. Drumlin Belt, Ulster, and quiet coastal areas, plus Ulster Wildlife Trust (01396 830282).
- Wales. Welsh Wildlife Centre, Cilgerran: 01239 621600; River Towy, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, bridge in town.
- Scotland. Otters can be seen on 28 Scottish Wildlife Trust reserves, Falls of Clyde, Handa Island, Isle of Eigg, Largiebaan, Loch of the Lowes (0131-312 7765).

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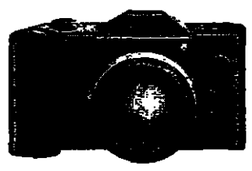
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CHANGING TIMES

Capture the country and win a camera



One of the most spectacular countryside events in Britain will be held next month in the grounds of Stratfield Saye House, the home of the Duke and Duchess of Wellington in Hampshire, *Derwent May writes*.

This is the Game Fair of the Country Landowners' Association, which runs from July 24 to July 26. This year, in conjunction with the "Living Countryside" feature of the fair, *The Times* is holding a photographic competition for young people (see box below). The prizes are a Casio digital camera, a pair of Hunter Wellington boots, and family tickets for the Game Fair, plus several runners-up prizes.

The Living Countryside event consists of a walk along the River Lodden and through the woods on which visitors will be able to watch every kind of country activity, with opportunities to take part. There will be gamekeepers, beekeepers and riverkeepers, demonstrations of hedge-laying, thatching and the building of dry stone walls. There will also be otters, butterflies, birds and fungi en route, and experts to comment on them. Children can dissect the pellets of owls, for example, to find out what they were eating, or have a go at making a Wellington boot.

The underlying aim is to show how much the countryside needs good management, and precisely how it can be achieved.

PLANET EARTH



All sorts of country dwellers will go to the Fair

The "Living Countryside" is but one of the many pleasures of the fair. The Game Fair is to country activities what the Motor Show is to motoring, and some of the international competitions which take place there are the equivalent of Five Nations rugby.

Important international game fishing, shooting and gundog competitions will be taking place. Visitors can take part in fishing competitions — rods will be provided — as well as clay shooting (for this you must bring your own guns, to be stored in the free gun store). Air rifle-shooting is also on offer, with rifles on loan. You can watch eagles hawking and ferrets racing, or you can measure the antlers of all the six species of deer that live in Britain.

Meanwhile, 500 exhibitors will be displaying their countryside wares, from guns to clothing, food and wine, plus everything you could possibly want to give your dog (including another dog).

Refreshments will be available at the seafood and champagne bar, to name but one. Finally, you can tour Stratfield Saye House — which a grateful nation gave to the first Duke of Wellington in thanks for his famous victories.

GAME FAIR

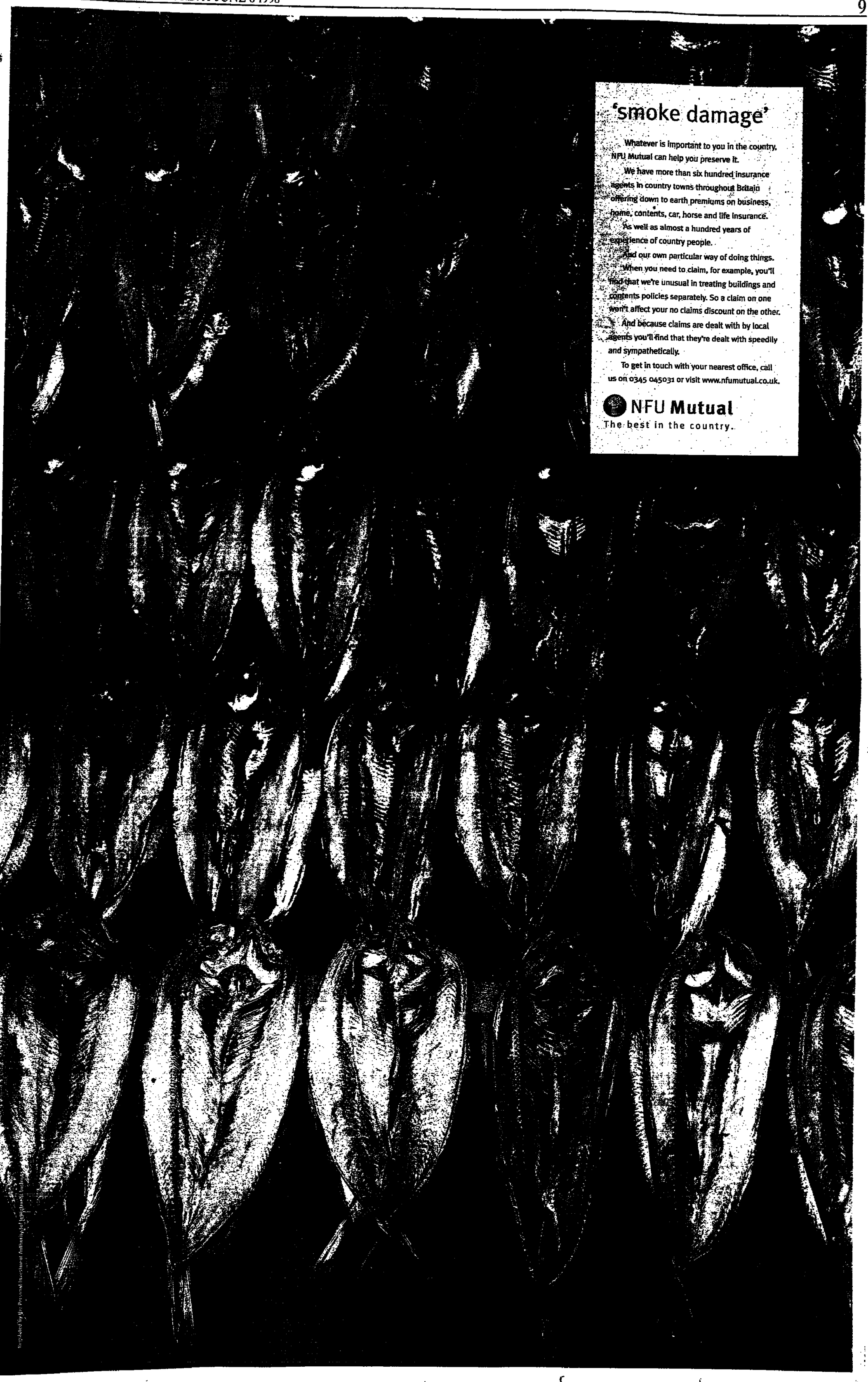
■ *The CLA Game Fair is at* Stratfield Saye, Hampshire, on the A33 between Basingstoke and Reading. There is free car parking and a 600-pitch caravan park available nearby from July 23 to July 27. Adult tickets in advance £9, on the gate £12. Two children up to 16 admitted free with each adult ticket, additional children £3 each. Senior citizens £9. Group rate for 10 or more adults, £8. Advance tickets: 01733 777344.

How to enter the Living Countryside competition

THERE are two categories: Under-18s and Under-14s. Entrants must be under the age limit on June 30, 1998. Entrants are invited to send one photograph which epitomises the idea of "Our Beautiful British Countryside". Each photograph should be clearly labelled on the back with name, address, age, telephone number and a title of no more than 25 words.

The entries should be sent to: Fiona Eastman, CLA Game Fair, Poasley Farm, Dummer Road, Nutley, near Basingstoke, Hampshire RG25 2HJ. The closing date for entries is June 30. Winners will be notified by July 10. *Times* competition rules apply. The winning photographs and other commended entries will be on display at in the Living Countryside section of the Game Fair, which reserves all reproduction rights to entries. For prizes, see the article above.

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No garden is complete without water, but proper maintenance is crucial, says **Sue Corbett**

Life, death and algae: the pond uncovered

MICHAEL POWELL



Mary Allen takes algae and disappearing ducklings in her stride. "The pond makes the garden," she says

Most gardeners have one. If they don't, they are probably building one. Or if they have just built one, they are busy equipping it with a solar-powered fountain or a stock of frogs and newts.

Yes, ponds are fashionable. But what truth is there in the theory that they are so relaxing that one can sit and be mesmerised by them for hours? Mary Allen, former chief executive of the Royal Opera House, certainly has more time than usual to spend by her Suffolk pondside this summer. "After working 80 hours a week for the past seven years, I can't tell you how happy I am not to be working," she says.

Yet there is not much rest for her as she gazes at her 60ft by 30ft pond. "The moment I see the ducks eating the waterlilies, that's it. My husband and I rush up and down shouting at them — and they sit there and laugh at us."

Her pond is a riot of sudden death and copulation. "We had ten ducklings this year. They got into the water once and, apart from one corpse, that was the last we saw of them. We don't know if it was the crows or the moorhens, or both, that got them. Meanwhile, the ducks are copulating like mad, so presumably they're having another go."

Despite this, and despite her husband's dark suspicions about the resident heron's responsibility for his dwindling supply of carp, it is clear Ms Allen is besotted with her pond. "It's what makes the garden," she says, and it was one of the two reasons she fell for the house in the first place (the other being a double-height sitting room). Still, after the duckling and carp sagas, you wonder what else could go wrong. "Well, we do have a little bit of algae at the moment," she admits.

Ah, *that perennial problem*, which keeps members of the Eastbourne and District Pondkeeping Club talking until the pubs close. Brian Dale, its chairman and founder, says: "Blanketweed is our biggest problem at the moment. I know it is supposed to respond to bales of barley-straw in the water, but club members have had no luck with that.

"We've tried magnets, which are said to break down the algae, but most of us have found those haven't worked very well either. Some of the chemicals on the market work to a degree, and now we're getting a mixed response from members about electronic devices. These send out changing sound frequencies to affect the calcium in the water."

The two factors that need to be borne in mind about blanketweed are its preferences for light and for nutrient-rich mains water.

"The real nub of the problem," writes Dave Bevan in the May issue of *Water Gardener*, which also contains a buyer's guide to blanketweed controls, "is the high nutrient level in the water caused by using tapwater to fill the pond initially, and the quickest way to bring this down is to introduce oxygenating plants. There are several available, including Canadian pondweed (*Elodea canadensis*), water soldier (*Stratiotes aloides*), hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) and water violet (*Hottonia palustris*)."

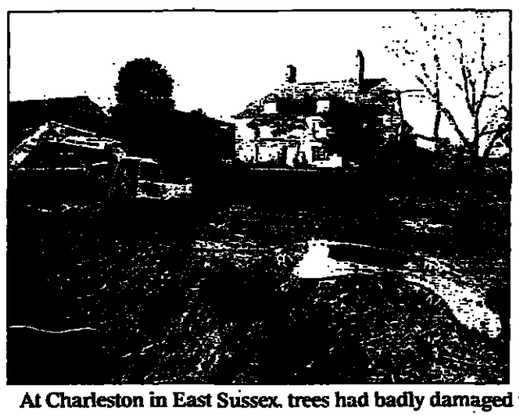
Floyd Summerhayes, head gardener at Tintinhull House Garden, near Yeovil, has another solution. "Where possible, we fill our ponds with water saved from the roofs," he says. "We store it in plastic central heating oil tanks, as they work out cheaper than the barrels you get from garden centres — a tank holding 500 or 600 gallons costs about £230."

To oxygenate the larger of his two Tintinhull ponds, Mr Summerhayes uses a solar panel and pump kit by Solar Solutions, which he bought originally to create a fountain in his smaller pond. "As it has no battery backup, it wasn't really suitable for a pond that needs a constant jet for the six months a year that we're open to the public.

"However, we're delighted with it in the larger pond where we use it to stir the water a bit and get some oxygen into it in very hot weather." So versatile is the kit that he even uses it to pump water from the storage tanks to the greenhouses and from his Victorian water trolleys on to all the garden pots. In hot weather, a queue of gardeners forms to use it and plans are afoot to purchase a second kit.

Tapwater is not a problem with the pond at Charleston, near Firle, in East Sussex, the former home of the painters Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant — it is fed by a well. The pond, described by Bell as a lake when she moved there in 1916, had halved in size by the early 1980s when the Charleston Trust took over the property. Now, says the Trust director Alastair Upton, "we've restored it more or less to what it was in 1916, building up the water level by reconnecting the pond to the well that used to feed it".

Set outside the front door, the Charleston pond has a strong influence on the atmosphere of the farmhouse. Removing pool-edge willows that had grown over the past 40 years or so and raising the water level have had an interesting effect. "The increased reflections off the water have really lightened up the house," Mr Upton says.





At Charleston in East Sussex, trees had badly damaged the pond wall, detail above

POND LIFE

- To buy pumps, fountains, waterfalls, plants, fish and do-it-yourself pool packs, see the Stapeley Water Gardens catalogue, £1 (01270 628111).
- Details of Solar Solutions' solar-powered fountain kits are available on 01348 874762.
- Charleston (01323 811626) is open Wednesdays to Sundays, 2-6pm (11.30am-6pm, July and August, except Sundays, when opening is at 2pm) until October 31.



STEPHEN ANDERTON'S GARDEN ANSWERS

RICHARD ALLEN



Q I have a double orange hibiscus, of the tender, large-flowered type (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*). It has been indoors over the winter and doing well. I put it out in our London garden recently against a brick wall where it gets morning and late afternoon sun. The next day the leaves developed yellow patches and many have dropped off. I have removed the discoloured leaves, and the new shoots seem to be doing well. What happened? — J.G. Moore, London W8.

A When a spell of hot weather arrives, it is tempting to stand light-hungry house plants such as hibiscus outside. The principle is fine but the practice too sudden. Leaves that have been used to much lower light levels can burn when suddenly put out in direct sun. It is better to put plants out on dull days first, to allow them to acclimatise.

The same principle is even truer of shade-loving houseplants. If you stand out aspidistras or large-leaved begonias to take a light shower of summer rain, make sure you bring them in again before direct sun gets on to them.

Q Our smoke tree, *Cotinus coggygria*, is doing funny things. Half the branches have come into leaf quite normally. The other half still retain the withered remains of last year's leaves and show no signs of making new growth. — G.F. Morrish, Berkhamsted, Herts.



A The smoke tree is susceptible to the fungal disease verticillium wilt, which causes twigs or whole branches to wilt and die. It is often seen on the smoke tree just as the flower shoots are pushing out. I suspect your tree showed signs of infection at the end of last season, but that the effects were assumed to be simply autumnal changes.

The disease can kill the shrub, although more often it survives looking patchy. Cut out the diseased wood and disinfect your secateurs afterwards so the disease is not transmitted to other plants. There is no chemical control.

Q We have three 14-year-old walnut trees, grown as cuttings from Italy. We appreciate that they will not fruit in abundance in these early years, but what intrigues us is that the few fruit they do have are carried at the ends of the branches. Yet on visits to France we have seen them covered all over with fruit. Should we prune or feed? — Mr W. Lewanski, London W7.

A Leave well alone. As time goes by the trees will fruit all over. It is not uncommon for the best fruits on a walnut to be at the outer, lighter parts of the tree, and this fruiting habit probably just demonstrates better ripening and maturity of the outer twigs.

So long as the trees are growing satisfactorily, there is no need to feed or prune. Pruning would promote extension growth rather than fruiting wood.

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Red Ken has green fingers

The newt fancier shows **Jane Owen** his true colours



GILL ALLEN

Ken Livingstone in the south-facing North London garden he created after spending two years ridding it of builders' rubble





The garden is a haven for newts, top, and frogs

ME AND MY GARDEN: KEN LIVINGSTONE MP

Late one evening the telephone rings. It is Ken Livingstone MP, a newt fancier whose answering machine I have been tormenting so that I can talk to him about his garden.

"I'll do the interview on one condition," Mr Livingstone says. "You'll have to wear a paper bag over your head."

Some of those in the public eye attach inexplicable conditions to interviews: I had one request for an interview to be conducted in a phonebox over a bottle of whisky. Whisky and telephone boxes are one thing, but Mr Livingstone's suggestion seems impractical. And hurtful. "But you don't know what I look like," I say.

"It's not that. I don't want you to see the inside of my house," says Mr Livingstone, who lives with his partner in a modest Edwardian red-brick house in North London. I agree to avert my eyes.

We begin with the front garden, a tiny area overwhelmed by ceanothus, lilac, escallonia, pyracantha, bluebells and ivy. Mr Livingstone's patch is in contrast to the concreted garden next door where the only decoration is a pair of jeans draped over the gatepost.

"When I planted this I wanted to build up a screen so that we didn't have to have net curtains. I didn't think about the colour really but it's turned out imperial: red, white and blue." Mr Livingstone says.

The colour in his back garden is equally inappropriate — a sea of royal blue iris, ceanothus and bluebells. In fact, the only plants to have resisted all Mr Livingstone's attempts to grow them are red hot pokers.

At the far end of the 60ft by 15ft plot is a thyme terrace of myriad varieties. In front of that is a pool, built by Mr Livingstone for his newts, which takes up half the garden. It is clear that Mr Livingstone and the Prince of Wales have a great deal in common.

He sighs. "Go on," he says. Well, Prince Charles designed and planted his own thyme walk and he, too, is a newt fancier. However, before I can nail Mr Livingstone's Tory/monarchist tendencies he rallies: "This is Livingstone rhubarb. It is redder and has more staying power than most." Yes, it was named after him and yes, he does eat it.

When he moved into the house eight years ago, the south-facing garden was full of builders' rubble. For two years Mr Livingstone dug and sifted all the soil, taking away five skiploads of rubble. "It was a nightmare — I don't think I'd ever buy a house again without first turning over the topsoil," he says.

When he moved in the only plants in the garden were bluebells and some *Solanum crispum*, now woody with age, running along the right side of the garden. A small terrace leads on to a tiny lawn cropped closely by the tortoises, Sammy and Gertie.

A strange, jungly noise starts up. It is one of a pair of French frogs brought into this country by Mr Livingstone. "Otherwise they would have landed up on some Frenchman's plate," he says.

The garden is densely planted, partly because Mr Livingstone likes flowers and partly because this gives his beloved newts cover when they come out of the pond to feed. "I brought in frogs, toads and newts from other people's gardens and, to feed them, I had to grow lots of native plants to bring in the insects. Trees are the key. Silver birch bring more insects than any other trees, so I planted three.

"I originally put in 30 newts and I have given away 600. I regularly take them up to the House of Commons to distribute." Mr Livingstone had a tank containing seven newts ready to be taken to Westminster. However, these never reached Parliament — I newt-napped them.

Dead wood and prunings are stacked around the edge of the garden making a hibernation tunnel and safe track for the frogs, toads and newts. Further canopy is made for the animals with a thick underplanting of wild strawberries.

Crown imperials have just gone over and a magnificent purple parrot tulip is about to do the same, but a deep red tree peony is at its best. The three birches at the end of the garden dapple shade over the thyme terrace with its chairs and table — meals are taken outside, weather permitting.



Livingstone rhubarb

A pear tree and an apple tree grow on either side of the pond and two halves of a metal arch stand on either side of the terrace, supporting blackberries. The house and garden walls are cobwebbed with virginia creeper, ivy, honeysuckles and a male and female kiwi which have yet to bear fruit.

Mr Livingstone uses all the best nurseries and knows plenty about cultivation despite an almost garden-free upbringing and then having a hectic time running London as head of the now-defunct Greater London Council.

The prospect of running London again, this time as mayor, has arisen, but Mr Livingstone will not stand for election unless endorsed by Labour: "If I were to stand independently I would have to leave the Labour Party and I am not going to."

Who will be leading in 2020? "Tony Blair. I ignore all these stories about how Blair will step down in favour of Gordon Brown in ten years," he says. "Once you've done that job it is so enjoyable you're going to hang on to it."

William Hill the bookmaker has Mr Livingstone favourite for mayor at 2-1. "Pity my mother died last year," he says. "Her two loves were my career and gambling. Now she'd be able to combine them."



The giant garden pond

WEEKEND TIPS

- Watch for woolly aphis on young beech hedges (crimped young leaves and white woolly colonies beneath the leaves), and spray as necessary with dimethoate or pirimphos-methyl. Newly planted hedges can be seriously set back by a heavy attack, and it is worth spraying as soon as the insects are seen. Well established hedges can be left to fend for themselves.
- Apply granular summer feed to weak lawns as necessary, avoiding application when the grass is dry at the root. Lift up patches of clover with a wire rake before mowing so the blades can take off the runners.
- Use foliar feed to strengthen any shrubs damaged by the winter and now starting to recover.
- For better growth and flowering, give a can of liquid tomato feed fortnightly to summer-flowering clematis.
- Dead-head perennial wallflowers such as 'Bowles Mauve' to prolong the flowering season.
- Cut out the spent stems of bearded irises after flowering.
- Cut back and feed flowered aubrietas to make compact new growth for next year.
- Thin peaches on walls to one fruit per square foot. Heavy crops of apples and pears may also be thinned a little. Apples drop fruit in June, after which thinning should be done.
- Net soft fruits such as strawberries and raspberries against the depredations of birds as necessary.

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Making light work of lead

Stephen Anderton casts his eye over the art of leadwork



GILL ALLEN

Hugo Smith of Bulbeck Foundry is dwarfed by the lion and lioness, copies of the Chiswick House Van Nost originals, which sold for £35,000 at the Chelsea Flower Show

Have you ever lusted after one of those huge lead cisterns sitting in some shady courtyard, surrounded by old stone and moss, with water trickling coolly into it? They just look so solid and ancient. And that is the attraction of old leadwork.

Now you can buy imitation lead everywhere. In the garden centres there is the concrete-lead look. Capital Garden Products produces light but strong fibreglass faux-lead cisterns. However, there is a handful of people making the real thing — beautifully crafted and panelled cisterns that will still be looking good in 200 years.

To some eyes they will be looking better, for one of the great attractions of lead is the way it develops the patina of age, sagging a little perhaps, but turning from silver to black and white, and every colour in between.

Ornamental cast leadwork, and lead statuary in particular, took off in England in the late 17th century. The craft came from the Low Countries with the Van Nost family, and the work of the Van Nosts and their successors such as Carpenter and Cheere made the 18th century, if I may alloy metaphors, the golden age of English leadwork.

Who buys lead today? You might think it all still goes to stately homes, but no. According to Hugo Smith, of the Bulbeck Foundry near Cambridge, most of his work goes to "people who have had their own business, probably live in a big house in a leafy suburb, aged at least 45". Good. People still want to buy the real thing.

"There are exceptions, though," says Mr Smith. He has just come to the end of a two-year project to copy a pair of huge lions originally made by Van Nost for Chiswick House, and later copied by Cheere. They took pride of place on Bulbeck's stand at Chelsea, the lion and lioness gazing out disdainfully from massive plinths at the passing crowds. They were sold before the show started for £35,000. The buyer, like the owner of the originals, wishes to remain anonymous. Security on antique garden sculpture is always a nightmare, and at that price even new pieces must give the insurers a hiccup.

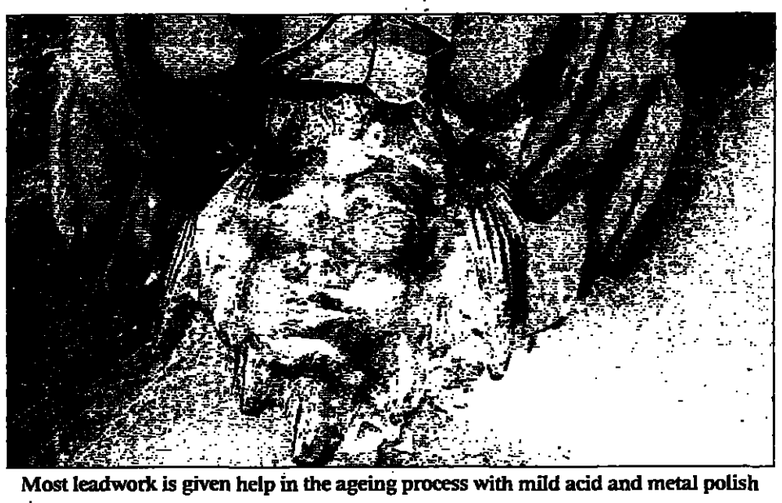
These lions take six men to lift each of them. "If anyone gets a wobbly knee while it's in the air, he needs to say 'Down please' very quickly," says Richard Bourne, the man who made the moulds.

Not everyone wants lions in the garden. Cisterns, on the other hand, will look good almost anywhere. I went to Bulbeck to see the lead casting in action.

In the back room odd-looking aluminium hollow shapes sit around in piles with labels such as "Lion 2: head" or "Lion 1: left shoulder". Stacked against the walls are 2ft-long ingots of raw lead from Australia. "We've tried Latvian lead, but we prefer Australian," says Mr Smith.

I cast my eye on a 3ft square cistern, each side elegantly divided into nine panels by delicate beaded ribs.

"That one weighs about 11cwt. It's £3,000." And it is fabulous, at least a quarter of an inch thick and spanking, silvery new. Unlike the molten lead which sits in deep vats, its surface looks like an ancient mirror.



Most leadwork is given help in the ageing process with mild acid and metal polish

When a copy is to be made, the original is given a protective coat of latex, then encased in fibreglass. The fibreglass is filled with plaster to make a solid form, and this is sawn into mouldable pieces. An aluminium mould is made around each piece, whether it is a leg of a lion or the side of a cistern. When the plaster is taken out, there is the mould, ready for the molten lead. Finally, the lead sections are welded together and the joints are fettled smooth. Most leadwork is given help in the ageing process (mild acid and metal polish) to make it look less new. But thereafter it just takes time. "Antique lead was much less pure," says Mr Smith, "so it weathered in different ways. Sometimes it contained quite a bit of arsenic or silver."

And the hazards of working in a lead foundry? "There are endless rules and regulations with which we have to comply. We use outrageously expensive throw-away masks when welding or filing.

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So I suppose the customer is lucky to get hit only in his or her wallet.

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Richard Bourne, in protective gear, makes the moulds

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The joy of tinned tomatoes

Growing salad in recycled metal containers puts a whole new spin on the concept of tinned vegetables. It costs almost nothing, the produce is fresh, you can do it on the tiniest patio or balcony and is very satisfying because you have done your bit for the environment.

Try Lollo Rosso lettuce in shallow bowls. I started with an old enamel bowl which my grandmother gave me 30 years ago to bath my babies in. It is about 2ft across and 8in deep. Later I bought several other similarly shaped bowls in enamel or aluminium, very cheaply, from scrap-metal dealers and car boot fairs. You do not need much depth for lettuces and it does not matter if the bottom is not sound because you need to drill a couple of drainage holes in it anyway.

Paint the bowls in smooth or textured Hammerite or some other metal paint, in good garden colours like black, white, dark green and brick red. Use an all-purpose compost and start afresh each spring. Sprinkle a thin layer of seed about a quarter of an inch deep and water well.

If you plant up a bowl about once a fortnight, the supply of lettuce leaves is continuous. Plant the first lot in April and you can eat the thinnings after about a month. The beauty of Lollo Rosso is that, although firm and tasty, it does not form a heart. You can cut the outside leaves or take off the top while leaving the plant and its roots intact. If you do this carefully, the same lettuce will regenerate several times during the season.



RICHARD POHLE

Susan Elkin with the unusual containers she uses for salad vegetables

At the same time you can grow tomatoes in big, straight-sided tins: the sort of 20-litre olive-oil drums, that you might be able to beg, borrow or steal from a local restaurateur, are ideal. Painted in metal paint, with the base perforated for drainage, and placed in the sun among the bowls of lettuce, they are much more pleasing to the eye than the ubiquitous grow-bags. The depth and shape of the container mean that you can get a good sturdy stake in to support the growing plant. My favourite variety for this is sweet-tasting, easy-to-grow Shirley.

Tumbler, which produces delicious cherry-type tomatoes, was a great discovery. Plant in chimneypot-shaped containers so that the trailing branches can get quickly over the sides of the pot: otherwise, there is a tendency for the fruit to touch the compost and go rotten. The sort of tall, narrow tins in which you buy bulk supplies — 2.6kg or more — of baked beans and the like are good for this. The secret of success with tomatoes is plenty of space for the roots, so use the largest tins that you can find.

I have grown sweet peppers successfully alongside the tomatoes, planting them in large, straight-sided paint tins, but I find they do better behind glass or in a sheltered sunny spot.

Mint and chives are my favourite salad herbs. The sort of big, square metal tin that you buy plain biscuits in for parties makes a good container for mint. Chives grow well in a five-litre paint tin with base holes or in an old metal bucket that has sprung a leak.

SUSAN ELKIN

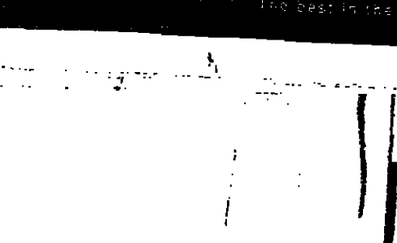
GARDENS TO VISIT

■ **Muncaster Castle**
Ravenglass, Cumbria (01229 717614). 1m SE of Ravenglass. Gardens open daily 11am-5pm. £3.50.
The gardens should be at their best at the moment — they are famous for a fine collection of species rhododendrons and azaleas which has been built up over the years since Frank Kingdon-Ward's plant-hunting expeditions in the 1920s.
That tradition has been maintained by the present curator, plant hunter Alan Clarke, who has scoured the world for rare specimens, many of which grow at Muncaster. There are also collections of magnolias, bamboos, maples, cherries and hydrangeas.
In all, there are 77 acres to explore and, from the terrace beside the castle, good views up the Esk valley.

■ **Desert World**
Santon Downham, Suffolk (01842 765561). 4m NW of Thetford on B1107. Open tomorrow for the National Gardens Scheme. £1.50, or phone for appointment.
This is a private garden, the result of owner Barry Gayton's almost obsessive passion for plants. His day job is head gardener of a nearby public park. At this time of year, after finishing work, he spends hours each day in his one-and-a-quarter acre garden.
Island beds of alpines and perennials mingle with tree ferns and tropical palms. He has particular enthusiasm for hardy geraniums (120 of them), sempervivum (400 varieties), hostas (70 varieties) and *Acer palmatum* (15 varieties). There are also hellebores and rhododendrons.
Three vast glasshouses are packed with plants but tomorrow they will not be open because Mr Gayton has, on previous days, had so much stolen. Visitors can make an appointment for an accompanied tour.
An 84ft-long glasshouse contains 13,000 cacti, most of them grown from seed, and including the first specimen (an agave) that Mr Gayton grew as an eight-year-old after he begged his parents for a glasshouse for Christmas. The other two glasshouses contain aloes and succulents.

■ **Barnsley House**
Barnsley, Cirencester, Gloucester (01285 740281). Open until October, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm. Parties by appointment only. £3.
The famous laburnum walk with alliums below should be looking good, but this four-acre garden is dotted with ideas that have launched a thousand other gardens and an equal number of magazine covers. Rosemary Verey, who made the garden, advises visitors to look back along every path to see the planting from different angles.
This garden has overcome the problem of having no views. Instead there is vista after vista, some ending in a water feature or sculpture, and each with its own distinct atmosphere. The potager garden at the back is charming and the temple garden, with its pool, is always restful.

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The Tuscan Temple at Barnsley House

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With only four days to the start of the World Cup, Ben Webb laments England's footballers' lack of sartorial elegance and hopes that their play is better than their suits



MIDDLESBROUGH GAZETTE/PA

Former Middlesbrough striker Fabrizio Ravanelli is always well turned out, but then he's Italian



HARRY PAGE

Posh Spice Victoria Adams with David Beckham in that skirt



Stripey striker John Barnes



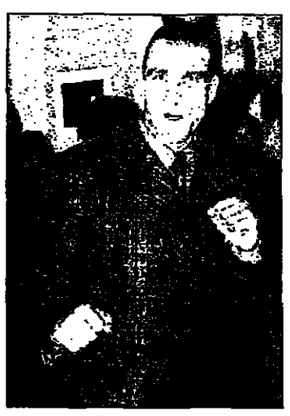
Chris Waddle's bad hair day



Kevin Keegan's woeful perm



Barry Venison's roots on show



Vinny Jones wears plaid



Dennis Wise in sportsgear

It should have been the week when a squad of 22 English footballers prepared for the start of the 1998 World Cup in France, mentally and physically at their peak. The team, the cream of our footballing talent, will sport official tour suits designed by Paul Smith and, hopefully, cut a discreet but stylish dash against a backdrop of flamboyant Brazilians, slick Italians and pristine Germans. In an age of global messages and multi-million pound sponsorship deals, looks matter in sport.

And yet the front pages of the papers were dominated by two images: first, the world watched Gazza's emotional return to England after being dramatically dropped by Glenn Hoddle. And then, days later, David Beckham was photographed walking fiancée, Posh Spice, to a restaurant in the glamorous South of France — dressed in a skirt. *The Sun* asked: "Is he trendy, or a twit?"

England are seldom praised for the style of their play, but to be complimented for their sartorial elegance is almost unthinkable. The English footballer is traditionally a style disaster waiting to happen. In the past, players such as Kevin Keegan, the Permed Prince of the Park, were dedicated followers of all the wrong fashions.

Today John Barnes, the England and Liverpool star turned BBC football pundit, is a constant reminder of footballing style — or lack of it. Once, his silky skills left fans gasping with disbelief. Now it is his suits.

But perhaps the greatest celebration of football stylishness was at Paul Gascoigne's very white wedding in July 1996. Many of the present World Cup squad, who emerged from white strech limos, were resplendent in gleaming white morning suits and odd cravates. And the kitsch fanfare was immortalised in Hello!

Gazza, the most gifted England player of his generation, is a true fashion victim. Like football flair, it seems, dressing with flair is an innate ability and that, in England, the two do not go together.

Wayne Hemingway, a Blackburn Rovers fan and founder of the designer label Red or Dead, is stumped. "Football fashion leaves a lot to be desired and there's no real excuse," he says. "They are all young men and bombarded, like the rest of us, by style tips in magazines and on MTV. Perhaps it's the managers who tell them what to wear," he says.

John Rocha, the Irish designer and Nottingham Forest fan, chips in: "The Italians look good individually, but put them all together in their lovely suits and they all end up looking the same. And the hair is not always good."

Footballers in the Premiership can earn £30,000 a week and many like to spend, spend, spend on classic designer labels. But they end up looking like self-conscious boys who have been forced into ill-fitting suits for a dull function.

They not only have poor taste in clothes and music — Phil Collins is a real favourite — but are notorious for their terrible haircuts. Football's worst thatch of the day is a source of sincere debate. Keegan's perm? Waddle's indefinable spiky top with long wavy bits at the back? Gazza's peroxide crop or his hair extensions?

The most maligned stylist of all is the amiable Barry Venison, the TV pundit. His debut, in silver waistcoat, garish suit and a mop of straggly bleached hair, was so startling, some even speculated it was part of a plan to create a media niche for himself as the cartoon commentator. Venison, who played for Sunderland, Liverpool, Newcastle and Southampton, has a more honest explanation. "I was not trying to look silly on purpose," he coricedes. "It was purely down to my bad taste."

Foreign players, however, combine style on and off the pitch. Former French internationals Eric Cantona and David Ginola oozed enough Gallic flair to be recruited by top designer labels as catwalk models.

Fabrizio Ravanelli, the flamboyant £7 million Juventus striker, even brought a sense of Italian style to Middlesbrough. Arriving on Teeside, he wore a dark blue suit, sunglasses, an open-necked shirt, and cropped white hair. Surrounded by henchmen, he looked like a pre-Oscar's film star.

Hemingway explains: "Style is not about labels. You can look great in something cheap from Tesco, much better than something expensive by Armani."

And that would probably explain why the entire Liverpool team, who wore peculiar white Armani suits to the 1995 FA Cup final, looked awful. The project was not a success. A tight-lipped Armani spokesman said: "That was all in the past . . . we won't be going down that route again."

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New research shows that in the long run it makes better financial sense to buy, not rent, reports **Rachel Kelly**

Buy your own home – and save up to £100,000

New figures should help ditherers decide whether to sign up for their first mortgage — and become the touchpaper that lights the rest of the housing market.

A recent survey by the Abbey National bank shows a rosier financial future for those who take the decision to buy rather than rent. Its figures suggest that those who step on the housing market ladder could save, on average, £100,000 over the next 25 years.

It found that the total cost of buying the average three-bedroom £73,000 house, including maintenance and mortgage interest costs, would be £171,271 over the next 25 years.

This compares with the cost of renting the same average house for 25 years, which would be £271,271, representing a saving for the mortgage owner of around £100,000 or 37 per cent.

Month by month then, a buyer would pay £571 in mortgage and maintenance costs compared to the £903 a tenant would have to fork out every month.

Ann Pilkington, from the Woolwich Building Society, says: "It is a good time to buy. Prices are relatively stable and interest rates are low — at 7.25 per cent, compared to 15 per cent in the late 1980s, although this varies from area to area — in London and the South East, prices are up substantially."

Clearly there are regional differences. Not surprisingly, the South East, including London, maintains its position as the most expensive region in the country in which to rent or buy, according to the Abbey National figures. A four-bedroom house in Pinner, West London, costs nearly twice as much to buy and maintain, over 25 years, as a similar property in Northampton in the East Midlands.

In the South West, for example, buying a four-bedroom house offers potential savings of around £30,000 over renting. But while that looks good, in the Edinburgh area buyers can save an average of £150,000 over 25 years. This is because property is much cheaper to buy in Edinburgh than in the South West and a rapidly shifting population and high student numbers create considerable demand for rented accommodation in the Scottish capital and help to push rents up.

In the South West, the paucity of big cities means a more settled, rural population, and therefore more owner-occupiers. Thus there is little demand for rented accommodation, which ensures that the cost of renting is only marginally higher than the cost of buying there.

The Abbey National's figures clearly make assumptions about the housing market's future. Other economists agree that the outlook is bullish and therefore it should prove cheaper to buy than rent.

Economists agree that the outlook for the housing market during the next ten years is bright. After the house price falls of the last recession, the Halifax expects house price inflation to remain at around 5 per cent until the end of the year.

A spokesman predicted a steady housing market over the next decade, beating existing inflation rates of 3 or 4 per cent by around 1 or 2 per cent.

A final caveat: these figures bear the stamp of lenders, whose business interests naturally dovetail with buyers. Even the Abbey National concedes that renting does have some advantages, chief of which is flexibility. For those whose jobs keep them on the move, especially young professionals whose career progress depends on the ability to relocate frequently, renting allows them to do this more quickly and easily.

Neither need tenants worry about negative equity, or maintenance costs, which can be budgeted to the landlord. And the amount of rent paid is often fixed for up to a year in advance, so most tenants need not worry themselves about changes in the variable mortgage rate — at least in the short term.

And another thing: in purely investment terms, the stock market may well outperform the housing market. Tiffany Hardie-Evans, of analysts Proshare, says: "Stocks and shares are better than any other form of investment, including buying a house. Within two years of the 1987 crash the market had recovered to its original level; and within three years, investments had tripled."

But then, you cannot nest in a share portfolio.



Caroline Mitchell was surprised at how much money she had to spare after she had bought her home, rather than renting a property

CASE STUDY

CLEARLY THE Abbey survey looks to the future, with all the uncertainty that that implies. But a study by the Woolwich, for *The Times*, confirms broadly the same picture when it surveyed the cost of renting and buying over the past 11 years. The study found that a house worth £80,000 in 1987 would be worth £129,950 now, an increase of £49,950. However, if this buyer took out a 25-year endowment mortgage on his home with a deposit of £20,000, his mortgage payments over 11 years would have cost £30,115, while maintenance costs would have come to £7,417. Over 11 years the cost of buying would have been £37,532.

How would he have fared, though, had he rented the same property? A tenant of a house of equivalent value would have spent £138,136 on rent, based on the assumption that rents over each year are 10 per cent of property value. This is almost four times as much as the cost of buying.

Had he invested the £20,000 — the sum the buyer spent on his deposit — he could have gained £18,044 in a savings account, £21,345 in a British unit trust and £29,751 on the stock market. Clearly none of these would offset the high cost of renting compared with buying. With a picture as clear as this emerging during a decade in which Britain went through its deepest recession since the war, surely the future offers even greater fruits for the buyer. Making the decision to change from renting to buying can seem a bit of a risk, but 27-year-old Lara Upton, a video co-ordinator with Sony Music, found that buying was £100 a month cheaper than renting.

Lara used to live with her boyfriend, Mark Haddon, in a flat in Maida Vale, North London, which cost them £866 per month in rent. Now the couple have bought a new two-bedroom house for £87,500, in Cheshunt, also North London. "We are paying £486 per month on the mortgage," said Lara. "Even with our travelling costs to central London, we are still saving £100 a month, compared to renting."

CAROLINE MITCHELL, a 24-year-old journalist, was also struck by the money she had to spare after she bought, rather than continued to rent. She had been sharing a one-bedroom rented flat in Streatham Hill, South London, with her boyfriend, David Pearson. "I did consider renting, but found it was more expensive than paying a mortgage," she said.

The couple found a three-bedroom house on a new Barratt Homes estate in Thamesmead, southeast London, for £75,000, and as first-time buyers they had their deposit of £3,750, plus £500 towards legal and survey fees, paid by Barratt.

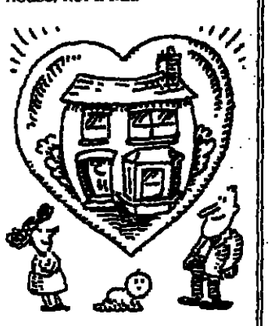
DANIEL MARTIN

Diary of a householder

MONDAY
Call Winkworths in Tooting about a £100,000 three-bedroom house. Ask why it seems so cheap and am told it needs renovation.

TUESDAY
Weigh up the pros and cons of Tooting over Earlsfield. Tooting has the Tube and a train, Earlsfield has only a train. Tooting has a lido and a market. Earlsfield has a cemetery. Earlsfield is a property hot spot. Tooting is not.

WEDNESDAY
Baby and I set off to see the house in Links Road by Tooting BR. It is raining, but our first impression is good: deep porch, bay windows — standard Victorian stuff. As I step inside I know this is what we have been looking for: a house, not a flat.



THURSDAY
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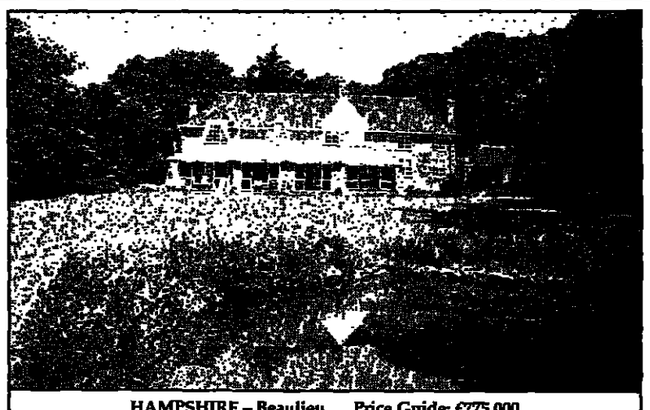
FRIDAY
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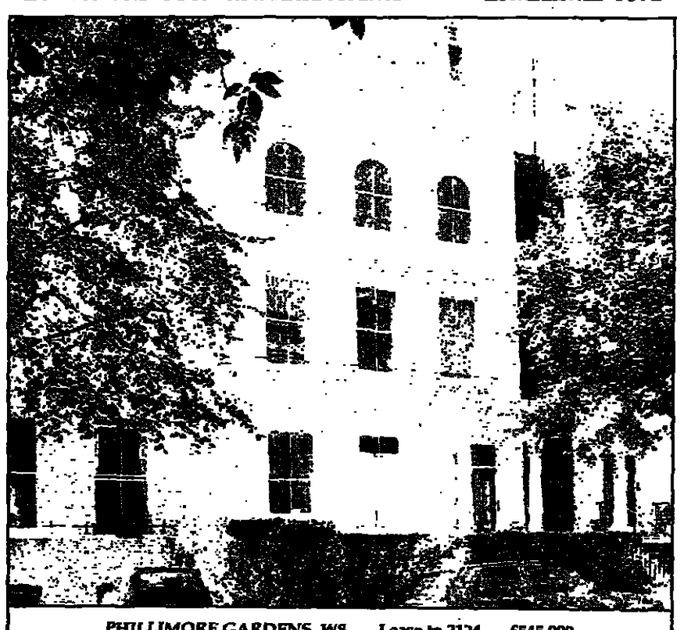
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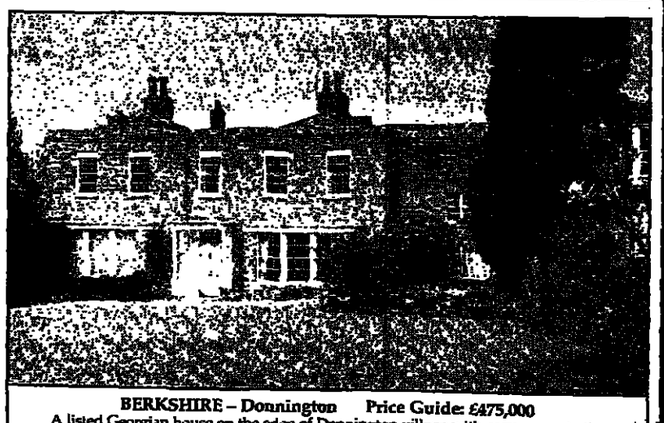
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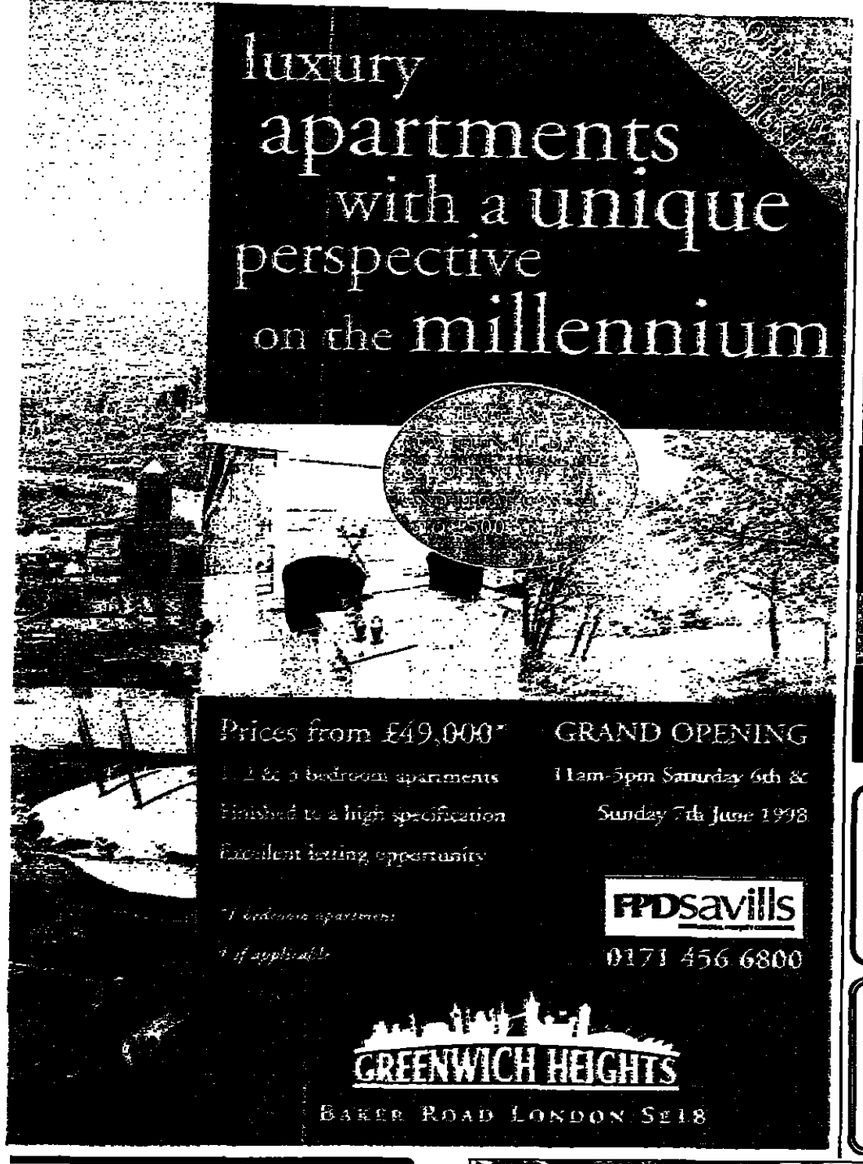
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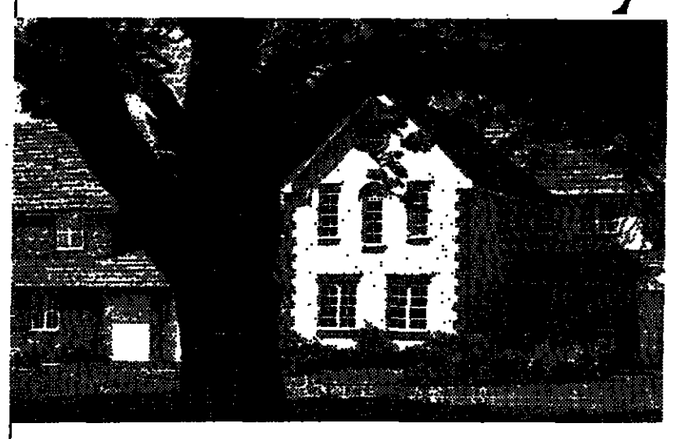
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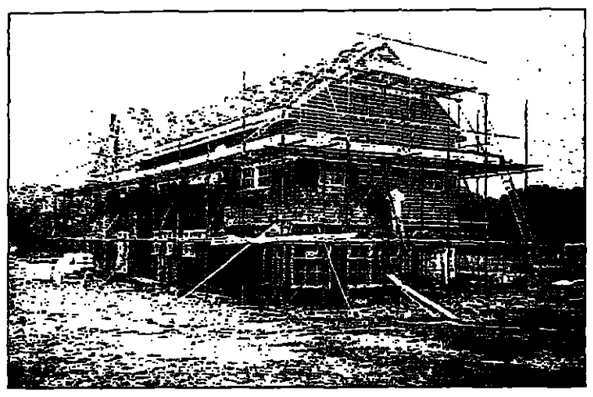
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The house the Renshaws built



The house under construction, above, with the cottage beside it where the Renshaws lived while work was completed. Below, tile hangers at work. The house was built in phases over four years



Designing and building your own home can save you thousands, says **Casilda Grigg**

As a passionate believer in self-building, Rosalind Renshaw is not a crusading psychologist exhorting us to realise our potential, but one of 20,000 energetic individuals who every year build their own homes from scratch. This is a growing trend. Eight years ago, according to Mrs Renshaw, there were just 2,000.

The Renshaws' spacious two-storey house at Winchfield in Hampshire, which is modelled on a Georgian rectory, cost £160,000 to build. They spent a further £300,000 on the land, services, outbuildings and other costs. It has gone on sale this week, including 30 acres, with a guide price of £700,000. "I have never heard of anyone losing money on a self-build project," Mrs Renshaw says. As editor of *Build It* magazine and author of *Design and Build your own Home*, she is more qualified than most to know.

The dream home for Mrs Renshaw and her husband Andrew, a journalist, had to combine country living with easy access to London. When, in 1976, the Renshaws saw the perfect site — an unspoilt rural setting close to Winchfield station — they "thought big and thought long-term".

They spent several years putting in the necessary services, then fought long and hard with the local planning office, winning permission by one vote in 1987. Building work started in 1989. While it progressed, they and their son Anthony, now 20, lived in a cottage just yards from their future home. The work was done in phases over four years, and was financed as they went along. They finally moved into the house in 1993.

For all this, acting as your own developer, say the Renshaws, makes perfect financial sense. "Only in this country do we want to buy a home from Mr Wimpey, or Mr Barratt, and hand over a 30 per cent profit margin," Mr Renshaw says. According to his wife he is "gagging to do it again", which is why they are selling.

Yet, for most of us, surely paying more is infinitely preferable to the time and sheer effort of self-building? Not according to Mrs Renshaw. If you want a house perfectly in step with your lifestyle, she says, then building it yourself is the only way to do it. Their master bedroom has its own sitting room, bathroom and dressing room. There are three further bedrooms and two more bathrooms.

"Our house is solid as a rock and beautifully designed," Mrs Renshaw says. "You can't get that unless you commission it yourself."

This is the essence of self-building. It is not about erecting an abode with your bare hands, but finding skilled individuals to do the work for you. "It's about managing a project," Mr Renshaw says.

The Renshaws engaged a reputable architect and obtained three quotes for every piece of work. The difference in the quotes could be staggering. For one section of bricklaying the estimates were £2,000, £5,000 and £10,000. They played safe and chose the middle.

Calculating the emotional cost is difficult. "Of course when you're involved with something as big as this, you have moments of panic," Mrs Renshaw says. "But we never both lost the plot at the same time. When I was bleak, my husband was optimistic, and vice versa."

On day one Mrs Renshaw, who was working as a freelance journalist, handed her builders the kettle so they could make their own tea. Despite this show of independence, she understood the building industry for what it was — traditional and male-dominated. Although she ran the site on a daily basis, it was her husband who handed the workers their money every Friday. "If things got heavy and big guns needed to be rolled in," she says, "it was Andrew."

Her main advice to would-be self-builders is to agree a sum for an entire job, rather than pay by the hour or day. She also says you should not part with money until you are satisfied with the work — this is where the architect, the building inspector and your own judgment come in.

By living next door, Mrs Renshaw was able to observe everything through the glass doors of her patio. "I could see exactly what they were doing — it was splendid," she says.

The biggest hurdle, it seems, was not the planning battles, nor the inevitable disputes with workmen, but the attitude of friends.

"People looked at us in horror and started to feel extremely sorry for us," Mrs Renshaw says. "But now they are amazed by what we have managed to achieve — and even a little envious."

- *The Renshaws' house is for sale through Simmons & Sons of Basingstoke (01256 840077)*
- Design and Build your own Home, The Complete Guide to Building your Home, *by Rosalind Renshaw (Build It Publications, £16.95)*

PETER TREVOR



Andrew and Rosalind Renshaw are selling their home for £700,000 — so they can do it all again

SMART MOVES



THE former home of model **Yasmin Le Bon** and her husband **Simon** (above), lead singer with Duran Duran, is for sale. The three-bedroom studio house in Chelsea has a guide price of £1 million. The property is being sold through Bective Davidson.

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RUMOURS abound that **Tony Robinson** (above), who played Baldrick in *Blackadder*, has his eye on a first-floor flat across two stucco-fronted houses in Warrington Crescent, London W9. The two-bedroom flat was on the market with agents Behr and Butchoff, and Knight Frank.

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A simple house full of Hope

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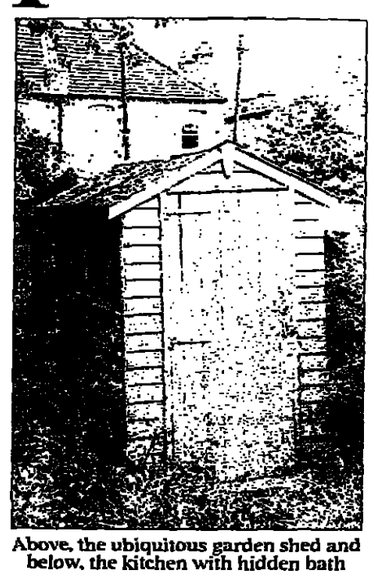
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The former home of Bob Hope, on sale for £86,000

CHRIS CHING





Above, the ubiquitous garden shed and below, the kitchen with hidden bath



A plaque, left, on the outside of an otherwise ordinary suburban terraced house in Eltham advertises its famous former resident. Above, owners Jack and Florence Ching receive a special guest in 1982

HOUSE OF THE WEEK



Bob Hope is arguably the greatest — and certainly one of the richest — comedians in history. He may now live in a palace in Los Angeles, but he started life in a modest terraced house in southeast London 95 years ago.

For an impression of the environment in which Hope spent his infancy, one needs only ask the estate agent who is selling the property to show you around. It has not changed much.

The son of a stonemason and a singer-pianist, Hope was born in the three-bedroom house in Eltham, part of a development of Edwardian houses built by Archibald Cameron Corbett. Today, these are popular dwellings in one of the more desirable, leafy pockets of a part of London that does not always get a good press. Most are smart, with neat gardens and curtain-twitching neighbours.

The house that Hope left aged four, when his family emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, looks as if it has not been touched since that day. Certainly, the most recent occupants had not done anything to it in 60 years and the estate agent describes the place, on sale for £86,000, as having "character". When Hope awoke on a freezing January morning, he would have had to scamper to the outside privy. That is still a journey you would have to make today, so one of the three bedrooms will have to be converted into a bathroom by any new occupant.

The kitchen, too, is prehistoric. All the units would have to be ripped out. At present, lifting what might pass as a work surface reveals the bath. There is a sizeable lounge, and upstairs a master bedroom at the front and two back bedrooms. All have period fireplaces that could be rescued and the tiled entrance hall is still in good condition.

The decoration is a mishmash of ancient wallpapers that would have to be torn down and the whole house has an unpleasant whiff about it, which could almost certainly be solved by dumping the carpets in an incinerator. The long garden, complete with mature pear tree, is an asset that has had some attention over the years. In all, a good £10,000 of work will need to be done immediately.

Although the agent, Paul Harrison, does not expect the Hope connection to help sell the house it is, at least, distinguished from others by the blue plaque on the wall that commemorates Hope's birth here in May 1903. The plaque was erected to mark a century of cinema in 1996, and was unveiled by Hope's granddaughter Miranda.

Hope himself has remained fond of England in general and Eltham in particular, even though he must struggle to remember anything of his early days there. On his numerous trips over here to perform, Hope has occasionally popped in to the neighbourhood to reacquaint himself with his roots.

At the end of the 1970s the Eltham Little Theatre company faced homelessness because the landlord wanted to sell. Hope stepped in with £58,000 to buy the premises and even performed a benefit show at the London Palladium to raise funds to renovate the property and secure the future of the amateur theatre.

"He has been incredibly generous. He wanted to set something up that would benefit children in the area. In 1982 he came to open the venue when it was renamed the Bob Hope Theatre," says Jim Shepherd, honorary secretary of the theatre.

At that time Hope met the then occupants of his birthplace, Jack and Florence Ching. And on another visit he popped in for a tour of the house and a cup of tea. "That brought them a lot of pleasure," says Chris Ching, grandson of the late couple, who is selling the house.

Hope turned 95 last week and received an honorary knighthood at a ceremony in Washington. He is looking frail, so the chances of the next occupants of the house hearing his jokes over a cup of tea must be slim. But Mr Shepherd, who has become a good friend and was with Hope when the knighthood was bestowed, says the old man still has some good jokes: "He was fine. His sight and hearing aren't good, but I hope to be there for his 100th birthday."

● *Agents: Harrison Ingram (0181-859 4419)*



A rear view of the house with the original outside toilet

HOME SWAP

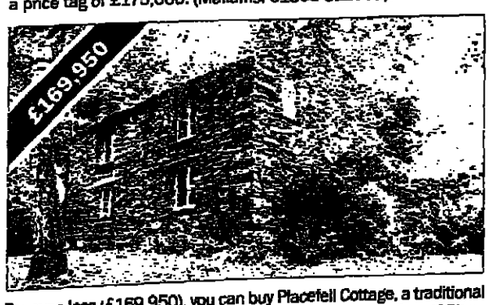
SECOND-HOME buyers are driving up prices in the Lake District, despite talk of a new tax on holiday homes and an increase in local council tax. There is little left around Windermere and Coniston for less than £100,000. You might pick up a tiny stone-and-slate miners cottage for £75,000, but the average three-bedroom detached period house costs £130,000.

The north Oxfordshire Cotswolds villages are a popular haunt with Londoners looking for a weekend retreat. Villages such as Burford, Leafield and Sandford St. Martin now have a large proportion of such owners. Expect to pay £125,000 for a two-bedroom terraced cottage and from £165,000 for a three-bedroom detached period house, following price gains of 15 to 20 per cent in the past year.

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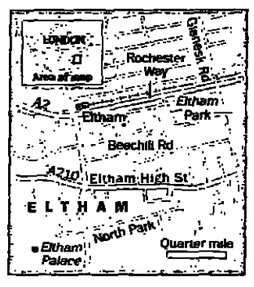
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CHERYL TAYLOR

MARKET COMMENT



CAUGHT IN the pincer of the A20 and the A2, Eltham is nothing if not well placed for Dover, Folkestone and continental connections. It is also neatly positioned for Docklands in the other direction, while the overground rail link takes only 20 minutes to Charing Cross and from there on to Victoria.

Although it was a reasonably affluent area in its day, Eltham has kept a low profile in the self-promotional scuffle for street credibility among the capital's districts. It is not as smart or expensive as Blackheath, down the road, but it is a family-oriented area, full of parks and greenery. Once people can afford to move there they tend to trade up within the neighbourhood, according to Paul Harrison, of local estate agent Harrison Ingram. The best parts, predictably, overlook the park: Glenesk Road, North Park and Beech Hill Road are all popular choices.

THERE ARE three main types of accommodation in Eltham, all of which represent good value for money in London terms. At the beginning of this century the planner Archibald Cameron Corbett built the extensive Corbett estate, which comprises about a third of the local housing stock; he was, however, a Temperance activist so there is a notable lack of pubs and off-licences in the immediate area.

The estate ranges from modest three-bedroom semis up to grand triple-fronted six-bedroom detached homes, complete with servants' quarters. They are snapped up by buyers looking for fireplaces, cornicing, stained glass and other original details of Edwardiana. At the bottom of the scale you might pay £95,000 for a three-bedroom property in good condition; at the top, the big houses go for £350,000 plus.

There are also a number of so-called Progress cottages, built for the munitions workers in 1915; Paul Harrison reports that three bedrooms and a little garden will cost around £95,000. Alternatively, you could consider the charms of the 1930s houses which go for £115,000-£120,000.

Prices have risen steadily: two-and-a-half years ago, according to Mr Harrison, a four-bedroom Corbett house would have cost £115,000. Now it would fetch £160,000. That is not as impressive as the capital growth seen elsewhere in the city: but it is interesting to consider what such a sum would buy these days, say, ten miles to the west in Wandsworth.

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LIFE AND SOUL



JANE SHILLING

"Champagne," said everybody. "That's what you ought to bring back from France, what with there being so many francs to the pound, and a shortage of *the stuff predicted.*" I didn't, though. What I brought back was a little yellow feather duster, to which I had become extremely attached during *my visit.* Charles very kindly bought it for me at the Mammouth supermarket on the way to his house. There would, he said, be lots of dusting. The house hadn't been opened since November.

French supermarkets are full of interesting things to do housework with. I think that I may well become an amateur of such things, in much the same way as Colette was fascinated by stationery, and wrote voluptuously of hours spent in the *papeterie*, sniffing the cedary casings of pencils and the sugary emanations of a particular kind of blue paper.

At Mammouth they have multi-coloured bottles of Eau Javel, and thick, rubberised gauntlets in a sinister shade *of pigs' blood, and blocks of stuff* for holy stoning the scullery floor, and a kind of washing powder with *Nettoyage sans frotter* emblazoned on the packet. *Nettoyage sans frotter*, as it happens, I had encountered before. Three years ago, Alexander and his godmother, Katie, and his panda and I set off on the overnight train from Calais to Avignon. Mr Panda in those days was a young and rather dashing animal. His fur was black as jet and white as snow and the paint hadn't yet worn off his eyes and nose. But one afternoon, pointing out the sights to Alexander in Aix-en-Provence, Katie made an expansive gesture, and Mr P *flew out of her hand and landed in a most* unsavoury puddle. We carried him home at arm's length, ran a sinkful of hot water and *Nettoyage sans frotter* and deposited *him in it.* He lay there, paw trailing limply over the side, like David's portrait of the murdered Marat. It seemed that a baleful expression came over his furry features. We rinsed him out and pinned him up by his ears, where he swung to and fro in the Mistral. He was lovely and clean when we took him down, but the baleful expression had stuck, and has remained to this day.

I started telling Charles this story but he wasn't terribly interested. He was concentrating on piling his trolley with extra-strength stuff for putting down the plumbing, and *perched on top of it* all was this sunny little duster, looking as though it had been manufactured from a freshly plucked canary. It lent, I thought, a pleasingly elegant and frivolous touch to a task which, in England always seems so redolent of curlers, and pursed lips and bunyons.

So for a couple of days I flitted around the upper floors of Charles's house, flicking with my new duster at the cobwebs festooned in every corner. And as I dusted, I sang excerpts from my repertoire of Janis Joplin's greatest hits. ("Dear God," said Charles, arriving back unexpectedly, mid-aria, from *Mammouth with yet* another mixed case of Javel and Veuve Cliquot, "have you ever thought of taking singing lessons, by any chance?")

I met, briefly, Charles's next-door neighbour, a small, wiry old Frenchwoman — the sort who looks as though she probably did for a couple of brace of Boches with a pitchfork in the war. I was dusting the shutters at the time, hanging out of the top floor window, singing the final verse of "Mercedes-Benz" at the top of my voice. She looked up, observed that she didn't know why I was bothering — the house was uninhabitable, *and disappeared into her own house,* shutting the door with a bang. "Extraordinary thing," said Charles, when I told him this. "Every time *she sees me, she crosses* herself. Can't think why."

And then, just as the house began to *feel comfortable,* it was time to come home. I made it back just before Alexander, who had been away for half-term. We were terribly pleased to see each other again. We gazed at each other in silence for a bit and then I started that mummy's thing of, "and did you have a nice time? What did you do? Nuffink? Really? Gracious, how dull . . ."

In fact, I'd heard the highlights already. There had been an encounter with kittens. "So," I said, "tell me about the kittens. Might you like one of them to come and live with us?"

"I did like them," said Alexander. "And I expect I will tell you about them. But not just at the moment." "Blimey, Alexander," said I, nettled. "This is kittens we're talking about, you know. Not *girlfriends* . . ." Something has happened to my darling while he has been away. He looks different. His face has lost its baby blobbyness and acquired planes and angles that weren't there before. You begin to see the face of the man he will become. And his character seems to have acquired planes and angles too. There is a trenchant edge to it that is unnerving.

"This is simply boring," he said, looking with disgust at the latest instalment of the Oxford Reading Tree. "I ought to be reading words like enthusiastic and companion and definition. You'd better write to Miss Carter."

Oh, thanks, Alexander, and make myself at a stroke the most unpopular mummy in the school? "Yup. And when you finish, come and listen to my piano practice." Yes, well, I say, picking up my feather duster with as much *hauteur* as I can manage. "You play. I'll dust."



The day begins, and nine-year-old David helps his mum Melanie select her clothing

JUSTIN GUZELIAN



"He has to be my eyes," says Melanie of her son. "He's had to deal with things no child should have to deal with"





Vacuum-cleaning team, top, and a well-deserved break for drinks, above

Sacrifice of a childhood

Sharon Maxwell Magnus talks to the children forced to play mum

Most children will take on at least a few household tasks, willingly or otherwise. But nine-year-old David Henderson regularly gets through a full day's work before he even leaves for school.

First thing each morning he checks how his mother is feeling. Then he sorts her medication for the day, making sure that each pill is in the right box and that she has the correct number to take. He chooses her clothes for the day, ensuring that they are colour-co-ordinated, and reads her mail to her. He may sort the washing, tidy up and, if his mother is feeling well enough, guide her around obstacles while she does the vacuuming.

"I try and do as much for myself as I can because David already does too much for me," says Melanie Henderson, 27. "But as I can't see, he has to be my eyes."

David is a young carer, one of about 40,000 young people caring for a disabled or sick parent, sibling or other relative. Monday is the start of National Carers Week, but the difficulties faced by young carers are often ignored. A report by the Young Carers Research Group at Loughborough University, published in May, revealed that more than half are in single-parent families. Many are their parent's most important source of support.

Melanie became completely blind eight years ago. Her husband left her five years ago, taking their younger son with him. She has numerous eye problems and, as a result, suffers frequent bouts of pain, punctuated by regular — and so far futile — pain-relieving operations.

The result is that David is not just caring for a mother who is blind, but who is also often sick. "He's had to deal with *things no child should* have to deal with. When I'm poorly it stresses him out and it hurts that he has to see me *like that,*" says Melanie.

One of the most serious problems facing young carers is that although they have adult responsibilities, they have none of an adult's power. David's helplessness adds to his frustration. "I worry about mam when I'm at school," he confides. Young carers have been described as perpetually worried children, and Mavis Crawforth, manager at the NCH Action for Children Young Carers Project in Hull, agrees. "It's easy to focus on the practical things that young carers do for their parents, but it's the emotional support that is most draining. There's very little understanding of that. Some schools won't let the young carer phone home at lunchtime, even if the parent is terminally ill.

"I've got one teenager who is so stressed her hair is falling out. But is the school offering any home tuition to get her through this patch? No, they are just pressurising her to be at school. Schools could give more support just by understanding that a child may have to slip out of school early to pick a younger sister up from her school.

"They could provide somewhere quiet to do homework or keep an eye out for bullying, because there's no street-cred in caring. One girl told me that when she goes home at lunchtime to help her mother she tells her friends that she is feeding the dog because that is more acceptable."

About 20 per cent of young carers miss large chunks of school time, and Ms Crawforth feels bitter that social services often rely on the help provided by young people rather than installing paid carers. "I'd like to see a disabled parents' allowance to take some of the pressure off these children," she says. For David and his mother, the Young Carers Project has been a lifeline. Melanie has been given advice on benefits and escorted her to hospital appointments. David has gone on outings, a holiday and had the chance to let off steam.

Recently the Duchess of Kent visited the project. On hearing that David was a Newcastle fan, she presented him with tickets for the FA Cup Final, which earned him plenty of admiration at school.

There are now more than 100 Young Carers Projects, some run by local authorities, others by charities, each offering something slightly different. But many young carers do not come into contact with such schemes.

Emma Fincham, Young Carers Worker at the Princess Royal Trust for Carers Centre in Tower Hamlets, East London, points out they may be reluctant to be identified as a carer. "They may not tell anyone at school because they don't want their peers to ridicule them." Some children keep quiet because they fear, wrongly, that they might be taken into care.

Petrina Brooks, 11, is occasionally taken into care when her mother, Suzette, 49, is hospitalised. Suzette has lupus; as a result she suffers intermittent exhaustion and hallucinations. Her husband left her shortly after she became ill.

"There are days when I can't get out of bed," says Suzette, who also has epilepsy and has suffered two strokes. It was Petrina who called for help after the first one. "She has been caring for me since she was four," says Suzette. "Her childhood has been looking after mummy. She's a great help, but it's a lot of worry to fall on a child.

"I make sure she has her activities — she has a silver medal in gymnastics — but she's always got me at the back of her mind. I'd like her to have a holiday, a complete break from all this. For her to have some freedom, the way children ought to."

● *Carers National Association (0345 573369)*

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Cindy Crawford and Rande Gerber made the pledge

Here comes the bride — again

Carol Chapman on couples who are getting married for the second time

Dr Johnson called *second marriages* a "triumph of hope over experience", and statistics have lately proved him right: the chance of failure after your second trip down the aisle is 60 per cent, compared with 40 per cent after your first.

In my experience, the second attempt is a more relaxed affair than the first as far as the ceremony is concerned. I recently eloped to New York for my second wedding (if eloping is possible with two children), and enjoyed every *minute of it.*

Unlike first weddings, when conventional wisdom takes over, there are no hard and fast rules. You should feel free to be as informal as you want. Dump the hackneyed old wedding cake. Delete those boring relatives from the guest list and invite your friends instead. Supermodel Cindy Crawford, who recently tied the knot for the second *time with Rande Gerber,* opted for a barefoot beach wedding in the Bahamas. Among the select group of invited friends was first husband Richard Gere.

Dress codes, too, can be relaxed. Be indulgent. Second time around, Sharon Stone draped herself in pink organza topped off with a tiara. Even Robin Cook, the rather straight Foreign Secretary, let rip when he escaped the media circus and slipped into a natty car-coat to marry his secretary Gaynor Regan.

Most brides shuffle off conformity and express themselves a little more with their choice of dress. When Clare Wentworth-Stanley married the Marquess of Milford Haven last year on a beach in Nantucket, she wore an elegant Paddy Campbell dress. "I wish I'd worn something simpler at my first wedding — a big tulle dress that made me look like a fairy on top of the Christmas tree," she laments. "This time I wanted something more demure. It's important to look dignified, particularly if you have children."

Age, of course, comes in to play when choosing the all-important dress. Annabel Heseltine, who recently announced her engagement to 35-year-old divorcee, Peter Butler, explains: "I couldn't see myself in a pretty white frock because the very idea of being a virginal, blushing bride in your thirties seems absolutely ludicrous."



Wedding bells for Sharon Stone in 1984, and last year

Actress Fiona Fullerton, who married for the first time aged 19 wearing "14 acres" of Gina Fratini silk, was happy to grab something off the peg when she married Neil Shackell. "I was in a play at the time and so I was very pushed for time," she says. "So I walked into Kookai and bought a Chanel-type suit in *20 minutes flat.*"

If the trend is to dress more casually for each marriage, then Elizabeth Taylor would be trotting out for her *ninth* time in a pair of faded Levis. But New York hostess Jan Cushing has been married four times and says there are *limits.* "What you wear becomes more practical each time, but I'd never wear stretch pants or blue jeans," she says. "I'd wear my favourite turquoise Ungaro suit . . . my happy suit."

Glamorous designer Amanda Wakeley says: "Second time is about sophistication and we find brides want a grown-up sexy dress. Gone are the fairytale ideas — it's time for reality." For her own second wedding, to company chairman Neil Gillon, she wore a long georgette sheath bedded with thousands of tiny seed pearls. They married barefoot on a boat in the south of France before speeding off at sunset to Cap Ferrat.

Dressing down has the added bonus of saving money. Writer Tessa Dahl, who wore Bill Gibb for her first and Bruce Oldfield for her second, says: "For a third wedding I'd go incognito wearing dark glasses and spend all the money on a fun honeymoon." Mind you, having done informal a couple of times, you may feel like splashing out for the big day if, like Jane Seymour, you get spliced for a fourth time. She *wore an elaborate pink David* Emmanuel dress when she married film director James Keach.

As a second-timer, I scaled down from a dress that looked like a meringue to a simple white Joseph suit for my hotel wedding. The day was easy and relaxed — we just buzzed room service and up came the flowers, champagne and a reverend to do the job.

Louise Heron, director of banqueting at the Lanesborough hotel in London, says there is a dramatic difference between second and first-timers. They are much more relaxed and prefer to organise the day without the influence of their family. But they are also more emotional during the service. "They've all been divorced and have usually been through hell to get here," Ms Heron says.

Hopefully they will also be older, wiser and richer — the honeymoon suite at the *Lanesborough is the most* expensive in town at £3,500 a night. For that sort of money you would want a perfect and passionate wedding night but, as a second-timer, you may well have young children clamouring for attention.

I sent my daughters to stay with a girlfriend, only to be called a few hours later and told one of them was unwell. I left the hotel in the middle of the night and retrieved my sick daughter who slept between us in the marital bed.

Wedding presents, too, pose a dilemma. Should you expect your friends to fork out a second time? Nicole Hindmarch of the Wedding *List Company in London says* previously divorced couples tend to have shorter lists. They want to add to their china when the set has been divided.

There is, however, one wedding tradition most brides don't like to cut out — the gleaming engagement ring. "We have a lot of second-time brides coming in," says Nigel Milne, the Jermyn Street jeweller, "and they often say, 'I want something really, really big this time'."

RUSSELL BOYCE



Thomas, the Dulux dog, earns £250 a day when filming and enjoys his fame

Alex Wijeratne on setting your pet on the path to small screen stardom

Paws for applause

Thousands of animal owners would love to see their beloved pet in a television commercial, promoting the latest dog food, toilet paper or gourmet cat grub. Especially as it could earn them up to £1,500 a day. But breaking into the tough world of doggie modelling is not all wagging tails and purring on the catwalk, according to animal agencies.

"I'm approached all the time," says Olive Tate, who runs an agency which supplies pets for top-brand commercials. "Owners say, 'My cat is beautiful' or 'My dog is wonderful — she can do tricks, open doors, pick letters from letter boxes'. But put them in a television studio . . ."

Pets must not be just cute, but, according to Tate, unflappable too. "A non-nervous disposition is essential," says Cindy Newman, who runs the Animals Galore agency. "They really must be out-going and confident, as well as obedient."

Although most trained animals will behave well in a dog-show ring or at home, many of them fall apart in the noisy and disorientating environment of a television studio. "About 75 per cent won't make it," Tate says. "They freak out under the rostrum cameras. The cats spit and snarl."

Rona Brown is the handler of the PG Tips' chimpanzees, and the chairman of the Animal Filming and Training Commission. She suggests gaining access to a film set to test an animal's reaction. "Sit by the wayside. See how they respond to the lights and noise," she says.

If all goes well, she suggests approaching a well-established animal agency, of which there are 120 nationwide, regulated by the Animal Consultants and Trainers Association. Many will ask for two photographs: a head-shot, and a body-shot set against a plain background.

Owners should never pay a signing-on fee, says Anne Head who runs the Animalation agency. "Five pounds may not sound much," she says, "but the agencies could receive dozens and dozens of fees, and the chances of work are probably nil."

Olive Tate auditions cats and dogs and other animals at her menagerie in Bexley Heath, Dartford. If prospective stars are unfazed by her parrots, St Bernard dogs, pigs, cats, mice, lamb and geese, chances are they could succeed; they go on her books. "Cats are peculiar and difficult to find," she says. "But once they're in, there is plenty of work."

At first, novices might expect to do "atmospheric work": background and walking-across-the-street scenes which pay from £50 to £100 a day. Film directors require hundreds of pets per year. "In the past, producers would use one dog running across a field. Now they want a pack of 50 all together," Tate says.

"Hero work" is more lucrative. Judi Eyres nearly fainted when her Old English Sheepdog was chosen as the new Dulux dog. "I was so proud, it was like an electric shock through my body," the amateur breeder says proudly. Her dog, Thomas, won a national search competition after screen tests in the regions, and finals at the Lanesborough Hotel in London. "They performed obedience tests and temperament tests — lots of clapper boards and blowing whistles. I was terribly nervous," she says.

Thomas, though, was unfazed, and came through to beat hundreds of dogs, doing everything asked of him. "He walked in as if he owned the joint," his owner says, "and then turned on the cute act for the judges. He even lifted his paw and tilted his head."

He now earns £250 a day and has become famous in his village of Princes Risborough in Buckinghamshire. "He takes on a new aura when he is working," she says. "He does the whole Dulux bit."

Anne Head also enjoys the star treatment which goes with the top end of the game. She owns Arthur III — the cat that dips his paw in a tin of cat food — and Pippin, the *Dalton's Weekly* dog. He commands £1,500 a performance and rests in an on-set mobile box ("His little winnebago," Head says) between takes. "He understands all the film set terms like 'Cut', 'Check the gate' and 'It's a rap.' He's almost a legend in Spain and was once their television personality of the year."

Most "hero" work goes to specially trained animals, says Rona Brown, who always invites the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, whenever she works. There is no legislation protecting animals during filming, but the RSPCA has a code of practice with the British Television and Film Producers Association.

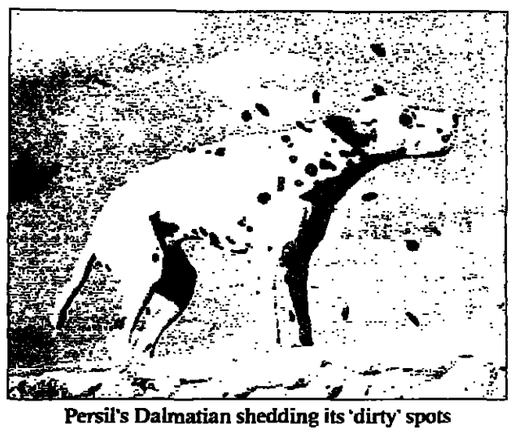
"We expect a trained handler on set at all times, and in some cases a vet," says Jim Phillips, the RSPCA's chief veterinary officer.

But having a pet selected for a commercial can be fun. "It is not a gold mine," Head says, "but Pippin absolutely loves it. When he's on set he never stops wagging his tail."

● *Animals Galore, 01342 843401; Olive Tate Animal Agency, 0181-303 0683.*



Animals must be out-going and confident, like the PG Tips' chimpanzees



Persil's Dalmatian shedding its 'dirty' spots

Every lizard's paradise at the creepy-crawly café

Supplying live pet food by mail order is a booming business, writes **Andrew Morgan**

PAULO DE OLIVEIRA



About 14,000 locusts are dispatched weekly by Cambridgeshire-based Monkfield Nutrition

Stepping into the converted lorry container in a Cambridgeshire field, is like entering a small piece of rancid tropicana, with hundreds of thousands — possibly millions — of crickets chirruping away.

It is not for the faint-hearted, with the 100F heat and high humidity, but these insects contribute to the £750,000 turnover of a booming business offering live food for pet reptiles, started by Dr Douglas Wise, a Cambridge University lecturer.

He set up Monkfield Nutrition 12 years ago, while teaching at Cambridge's veterinary school, specialising in nutrition. The firm is now Britain's biggest in its field, supplying brown and black crickets and locusts. Morio and meal worms, sold before pupating into beetles, are also supplied to the expanding reptile market, as well as wax moth and fruit fly larvae. Their latest development is the silent cricket. This beast is aimed at reducing night-time disturbance for children keeping reptiles in their bedroom, and is also ideal for adults with sensitive neighbours.

Dr Wise's products are much in demand because some pets, such as tarantulas, only respond to live food. "Messages on welfare and diet, like the need to add supplements to the insects to aid bone-growth, are getting through," he says. "Reptiles can be rewarding, but people must be aware of their needs."

It seems a happy set-up in the former pig-sheds, although some staff only tolerate the work for a few days. Even the courier picking up mail-order dispatches is fond of his cargo, with the chirping reminding him of his Far East honeymoon. No insects have ever escaped on these journeys, although some once fled their specially-designed tubs on a train, prompting one passenger to pull the emergency cord.

However, the company still receives abusive calls from animal rights groups, concerned that they are distributing live food.

Cricket production is carefully controlled, with 28 days from tiny hatchlings to dispatch just prior to adulthood. Large cardboard boxes in the "culture rooms" each hold thousands of insects at varying stages of growth. The insects feed on a cereal mix and water to build them up, before small teams spend their days filling transportation tubs with them.

The complex has three rooms producing brown crickets, with 800,000 sent out each week; two rooms of black crickets, dispatching up to 200,000 a week; and one for locusts, with 14,000 a week going out. Local birds are said to be the fattest in Cambridgeshire, with kestrels feeding on escaping locusts, while a family of owls mops up crickets making a break for freedom.

The two species of African locusts account for 20 per cent of the business. They moult as they get bigger, with wingless juveniles known as "hoppers". These insects form the diet of smaller reptiles such as young bearded dragons and water dragons, skinks and geckos. Scorpions and spiders, such as praying mantis, are also partial to them. Locusts with wings, however, need bigger and more agile reptiles to catch them: animals such as marmosets, tamarins and specialist birds are fond of these larger insects.

While the boom in exotic pets has levelled off, the business has grown by 20 per cent a year over the past five years, meaning healthy profits for Monkfield. "Some people even buy crickets to put down the back of the fridge," adds Dr Wise's son, Joe. "They sit on the hot compressor and chirp all night long. It's supposed to remind them of Africa — and the louder the better."

SCALEY TIPS

- Bearded dragons can grow to a foot long.
- The vivarium needs a basking spotlight, with a rock underneath, and an ultraviolet light.
- Leopard geckos are nocturnal, so they do not require ultraviolet light.
- Marianne Adams, who runs Strictly Reptiles in Croydon, says it is vital to vary their diet.
- Strictly Reptiles (0181-684 3232).



Dr Wise with some of his prime assets, live crickets

A VET WRITES

Q I brought my two cats back from East Africa and they spent their six months in quarantine. While we were in Africa they ate, and seemed to enjoy, imported tinned catfood. In quarantine they were fed on a mixture of dry and canned food. Since they came out of the kennels, last October, they have refused to eat anything except tinned tuna and a tiny bit of dry food. Is this a balanced diet? How can I tempt them back to cat food?

A Two ounces of quality dry catfood per day plus tuna will provide an adequate, if not perfectly balanced, diet.

Do not try to "tempt" them back to proper catfood. Tell them that is what you are providing and they can eat it or go hungry. Do not give in. A weekly weight check will reassure you they are not starving (and I am sure they will not be). Use the bathroom scales, weigh yourself, pick up the cat, weigh again and do a subtraction sum.

Q Can dogs cry? Our 16-month-old golden retriever appears to cry if he's left in a room on his own. This has become more noticeable following a week's stay in kennels. He is a happy family dog, always pleased to be with us. How can we tell if he is unhappy or simply attention seeking?

A Dogs weep if there is something irritating an eye, but not usually for emotional reasons. Excitement causes salivation rather than lachrymosity, although the same stimulus could produce either reaction. Your retriever may simply be miffed because he is alone. It might be wise to teach him that dogs are left alone — and that it is not for ever. Shut him in a room for half an hour each day. Avoid fond farewells, and leave him on an unemotional note.

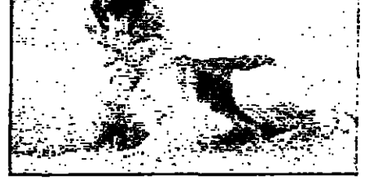
Q My eight-month-old cat has gingivitis. The vet gave him a course of antibiotics which improved things, but told me that gingivitis is a chronic condition and virtually impossible to eradicate. My cat will have to live with some level of infection and might lose his teeth in three or four years' time. Can you confirm this prognosis and suggest anything I can do?

A I can't give a prognosis about a cat I've never seen, but I would be concerned about the future for an eight-month-old cat with a chronic gingivitis. Infection with feline calcivirus — one of "cat flu" group — will lead to ulcers on, and inflammation of, the gums. If feline leukaemia is present as well, the cat's immune response is reduced. As a result the calcivirus infection persists, the cat's natural repair mechanism diminishes and that's why gingivitis keeps recurring.

You could ask your vet to blood test for feline leukaemia. A positive result would support his pessimism. Treating each bout as and when it occurs will help, but I'm afraid I can't be hopeful long term.

JAMES ALLCOCK

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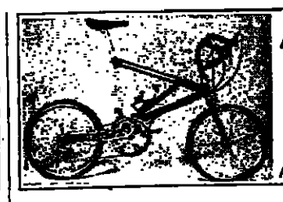
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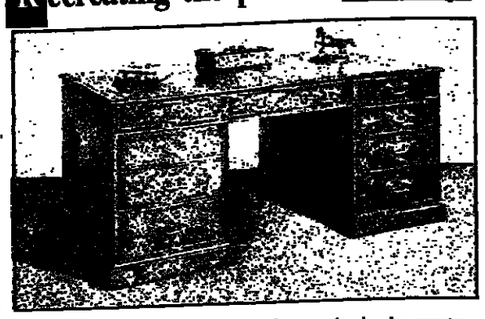
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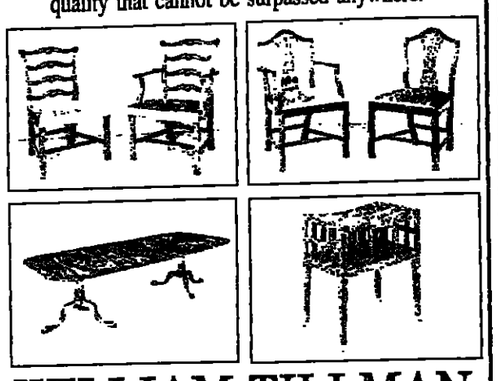
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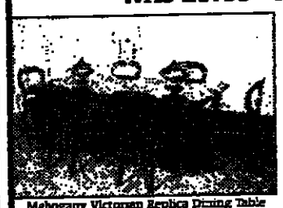
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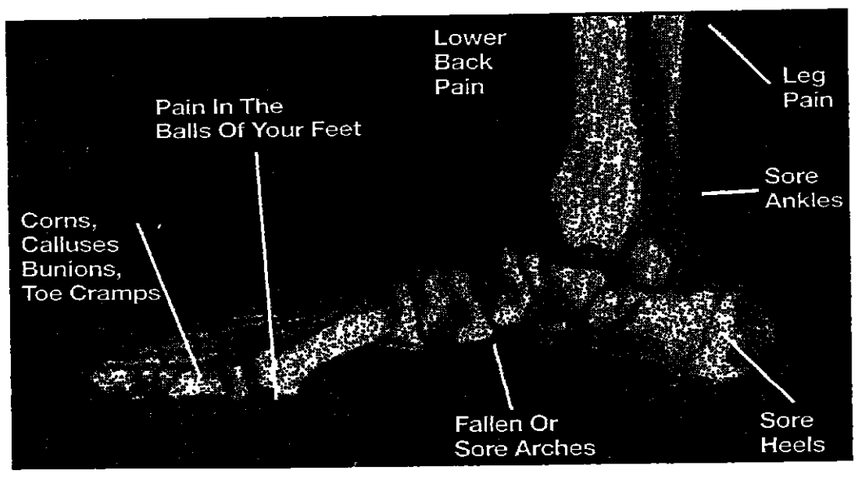
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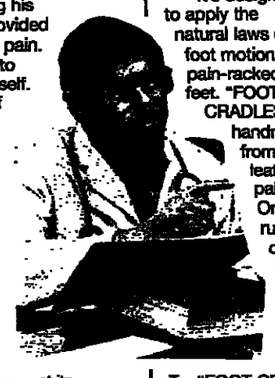
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This week's challenge: **David Bowker** tries being politically incorrect by watching Benny Hill and cheering up the handicapped

When bigotry begins at home

In this column a month ago, I made a crass generalisation. I claimed that the vast majority of Yorkshiremen are homosexual. I deeply regret this remark, and apologise unreservedly to any homosexuals I may have offended.

But my gaffe gave me an idea. What about being politically incorrect for a week? Bigotry begins at home and, as luck would have it, I live with a feminist. Once a week, she and four other feminists meet in my living room to get drunk and slag off their husbands.

Normally I go to the pub to avoid hearing their hurtful remarks. This week I deliberately stayed at home to offend them. As the "ladies" arrived, I held the door open for them and commented on how pretty they looked — although this was actually far from the truth.

When the women's meeting was underway, I put on my grubbiest vest, entered the living room, thrust out my stomach and said: "Where's me dinner?"

No one laughed. Nor did they laugh when I returned five minutes later, brandishing a copy of the Pirelli calendar. I pointed to *Miss June* and said: "Be honest, have any of you got a bum as nice as that? Eh? Eh?"

All Monday, my wife refused to speak to me. No, I tell a lie. She did manage to utter one sentence. If I heard her correctly, she called me "a complete moron". I said: "There's nothing wrong with mormons. Don't be such a bigot."

To spite my wife, I immediately formed a society called The Benny Hill Trust. The Trust's primary aim is to watch old Benny Hill videos and feign laughter at Benny's weak punchlines. We also hope to support the actors, dancers and all-round losers that starred in *The Benny Hill Show*, many of whom have not worked since Benny's show was cruelly axed. Members are also encouraged to campaign for the return of big bosoms and frilly knickers on prime-time television, and to write at least six abusive letters to Ben Elton a year.

On Tuesday, I went to Regent's Park and saw a group of men in wheelchairs, playing volleyball. Knowing that people in wheelchairs suffer from the ignorance of others on a daily basis, I told them how nice and shiny their wheelchairs looked. Then I offered to buy each of them an ice cream. Through a brusque loudhailer, the team coach told me precisely where to stick my ice cream.

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Ignoring his rebuke, I said: "Wasn't *Jim'll Fix It* a marvellous television programme? Nearly every week, some handicapped person went on Concorde."

The man with the loudhailer threatened to send *me* for a ride on Concorde. Undeterred by his rudeness, I tried to get the team to join me in a chorus of "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands".

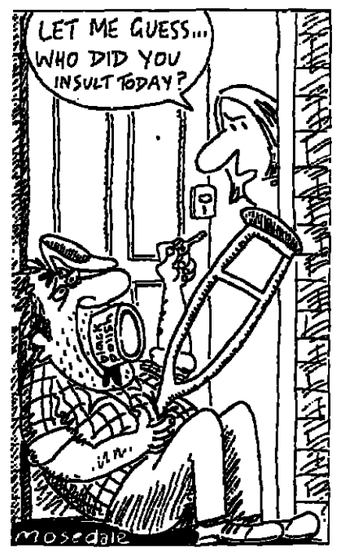
Misinterpreting my good intentions, the coach held me down while his companions took turns to ride over me in their nice, shiny wheelchairs. If you ask me, people in wheelchairs are extremely difficult to please.

In our sick society, youth is worshipped and old people are regarded as irrelevant, just because they dribble, walk into doors, forget their own names and yearn for the restoration of capital punishment. Nor is it enough to be youthful: overweight people of any age endure horrendous discrimination.

So, on Thursday, I decided to kill two birds with one stone by challenging the fattest, oldest man I could find to an egg-and-spoon race. I reasoned that even if the old cove could run, his hand would shake so much that he'd drop the egg. In the event, we both dropped our eggs and collapsed before the finish. I collapsed first, which made him the winner.

The house next door recently became unoccupied. So, on Friday, I dressed up as a Black and White Minstrel and moved in next door to myself. Instantly, a neighbour complained that the value of his house had plummeted since I covered my face with shoe polish.

Personally, I am not prejudiced. I like offensive stereotypes and was perfectly happy to live next door to one. I just wish the Black and White Minstrels would move back to their own country.



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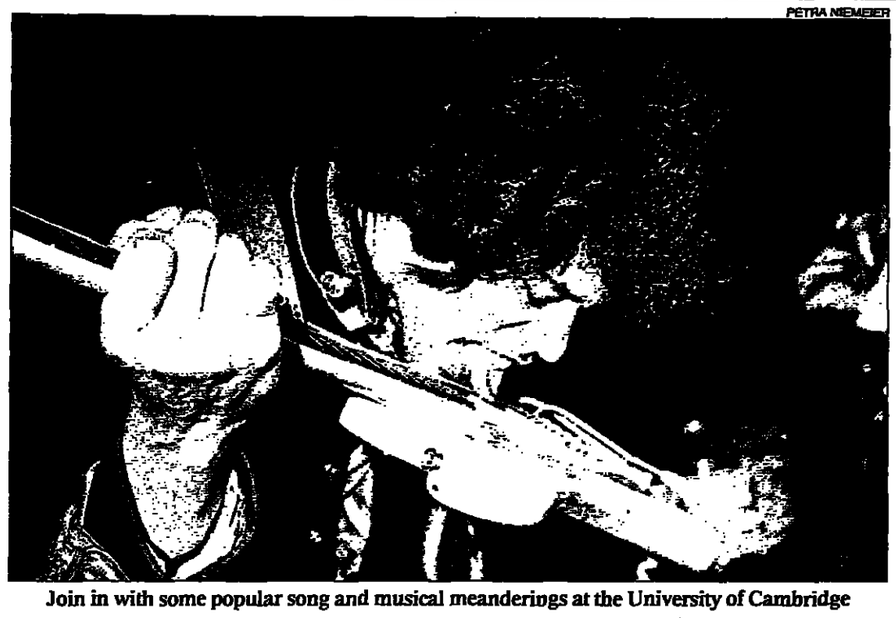
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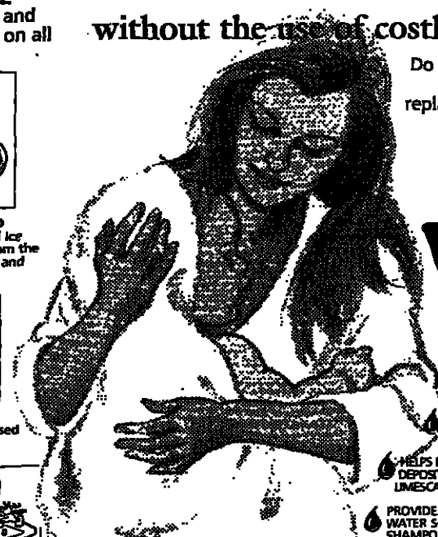
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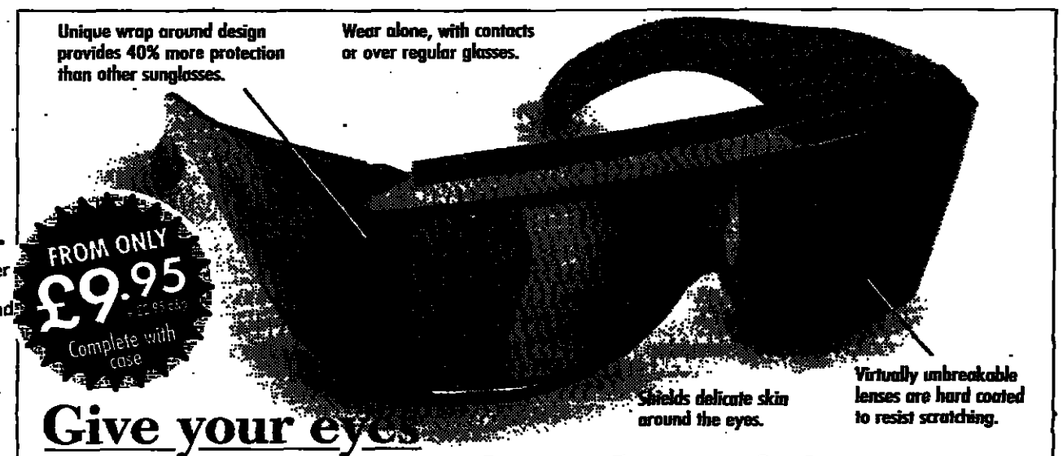
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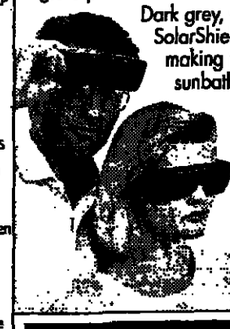
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Faith in the cross-bar

Noam Friedlander on soccer's patron saint

Drawing on a reflective cigarette after his exclusion by Glenn Hoddle from the England squad for France, Paul Gascoigne might turn for solace to a recently beatified Bulgarian Passionist bishop.

Bishop (Yevgeni) Vincent Eugene Bossilkov was a chain-smoker who knew a good night on the tiles, and a man whose passion for football has become the talk of the Vatican. They want to make him the patron saint of football and, in some quarters, the patron saint of smoking as well.

Bishop Bossilkov was executed by a Stalinist firing squad in 1952, condemned to death in Sofia, Bulgaria, for continuing his pastoral work and opposing Stalin's anti-religious laws. He was secretly thrown into prison and, after a show trial, charged with subversion and espionage. After prolonged torture, he was finally killed, aged 52. His body was thrown into a common grave, and it was only in 1975 that Todor Zhivkov, the Communist leader, admitted the killing to the Pope.

The Bishop has the credentials needed for saintdom. After taking his vows in 1923 in Belgium, he worked in his native Bulgaria as Bishop of Nikopol during the war and afterwards continued his pastoral work under the Communist regime. This proved difficult. After the expulsion of the apostolic delegate in 1949, he was under constant surveillance by the secret police. Instead of fleeing, he chose to stand by his parishioners. He was finally arrested when the Communist government decided to purge the church.

Gazza will not have helped Bossilkov's cause. Inflamatory gestures while wearing a Rangers shirt, such as his flute-playing idiocy during an Old Firm match against Celtic last January — a taunting mimic against Catholics of a Loyalist marching band — earned the footballer death threats. Such behaviour will hardly have endeared him and his ilk to the Catholic church.

However, in Italy, the wind is up and the newspaper *Corriere della Sera* is campaigning to have Bossilkov appointed the patron saint of football. Leading Catholics and Italian commentators argue that the sport, which is followed with unbridled enthusiasm throughout society, deserves its own patron saint.

George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury and an Arsenal supporter, has recently warned against football worship in the Church of England. But in Rome they talk of the current Pope's glory days as a goalkeeper in Poland; at one point, he was even a season ticket-holder to Barcelona FC.

Furthermore, they point out, other sports have their saints: athletics has St Sebastian and angling has St Andrew.

Father Aidan Troy, resident at the General House of the Passionist Congregation in Rome — the group which proposed Bossilkov for beatification — is as enthusiastic about the motion as he is for the Irish football team.

"On a personal level, I think it's a great idea," he says. "I've been living here for four years and the passion for football is so incredible. When I told other priests about this idea of a patron saint there was great interest and enthusiasm for the idea. There's no denial that he [Bossilkov] loved football and played all his life. He only died in 1952; we're not talking about someone who lived ten centuries ago."

The Vatican boasts a flourishing five-a-side football league, with teams representing the Swiss guards, Vatican police and Vatican firemen, among others. The Pope is still a keen follower of the league, regularly asking for updates and reports. Optimists in Vatican City are keen to play internationally, despite the limited choice of around 500 potential players.

"Football is popular in the Vatican," explains a spokesman, "and even though it is a small state, national feeling is just as high as it is in any other country."

Back home, north and south of the border, Cardinal Winning, Archbishop of Glasgow, and Cardinal Hume, leader of the Catholic Church in England, are well-documented football supporters (Celtic and Newcastle respectively).

Neither of these men would be drawn on whether they support the notion of a patron saint for the sport. However, Cardinal Basil Hume takes pains to play down alarmist talk of football power.

"I think people use language which is over the top. To call football a religion is too much. But there's no doubt that in places like Newcastle, when the team is playing well, then the spirits of the people are lifted," he says.

"When you've got a lot of unemployment and depression in an area like the North East, it's good to have something to rally around."

Lower down the ecclesiastical ranks, would regular members of the clergy concur? Chelsea supporter and a regular football player, Father Gabriel Zsidi from Our Lady of Fatima in London, has initial doubts about the function of a patron saint. "What does it mean to be a patron saint of football? Are we all going to pray to these patron saints so that we'll win?"

"On the other hand, the fact that Bossilkov was a passionate football supporter and that he gave his life for an important principle may be something that people who follow football can learn from. Footballers or football supporters can then say, 'he was a man who had high ideals but he was also one of us'."





Newcastle supporter, Cardinal Basil Hume



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A martyr to football, Gazza, left, the Pope with Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo, above, and recently beatified football fan, Bishop Bossilkov, right

Stepping out in spirit

Ruth Gledhill reports on the world-wide March for Jesus



IF BRITAIN, or indeed much of the world, is not a spiritually healthier place by Monday morning, it certainly won't be for want of praying.

Last Saturday the streets were jammed by millions of Christians in 130 countries who took part in the global *March for Jesus*. Even the Queen sent a greeting for what was only the third march of its kind.

Tomorrow, the spiritual festivities continue when thousands meet for the "nationwide day of prayer", organised by the Evangelical Alliance, with services in Parkhurst Prison, Catterick army garrison, prayer walks, fasting and a special meeting of members from ten local churches in Greenwich who will gather to pray overlooking the Millennium Dome.

Many of those praying tomorrow will have been among 80,000 Christians who gathered last weekend throughout Britain and Northern Ireland, to worship as part of the global March for Jesus. They marched to the tune of *No More Walls*, written by leading Christian songwriter, Graham Kendrick.

"Isn't it wonderful to be on the streets for Jesus today," said Roger Forster of the London-based Ichthus fellowship, part of the rapidly-growing new church movement. Mr Forster, who founded March for Jesus after a "prayer march" in Smithfield meat market in 1987 which attracted thousands more than anticipated, was addressing marchers through a global satellite link-up to London's premier Christian radio station.

Brother Andrew, of the Open Doors movement, which aims to supply bibles to restricted countries, spoke of the sufferings of Christians in Pakistan.

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"There should have been four Pakistan marches but they are cancelled," he said. "The best thing is to remember them in prayer."

This year there were 80 marches in this country alone, in places as far afield as Aberdeen and Aberystwyth. In Belfast, they assembled at four corners of the city, finally converging on St Anne's Cathedral for prayer.

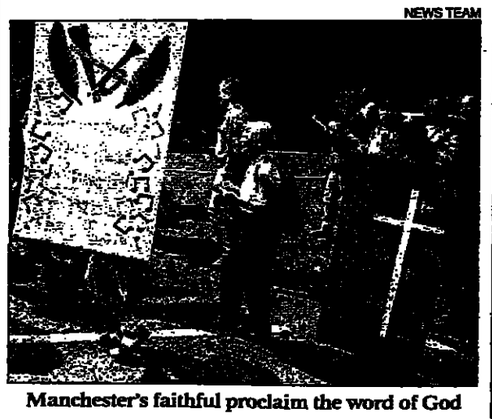
In London, marchers gathered in at Water Lane in Brixton, at the Cutty Sark in Greenwich, at Christ Church in Wanstead and at Ealing Common in West London.

The evangelical movement, at least, is in no danger of letting the millennium pass as anything but an explicitly Christian celebration. Already, the marchers who turned out last week are planning their diaries to be free for "Jesus Day" on 10 June in 2000.

"We want Christians to flock to the streets so that the world cannot ignore it," said Mr Forster.

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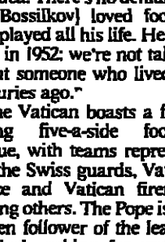


Manchester's faithful proclaim the word of God

How old prejudices brought new life to the church

Credo

DOUG GAY



This month many of us in Britain will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the SS Windrush from the Caribbean. Alongside a major TV series and a raft of commemorative and reflective books, there will be countless other local celebrations of the influence and presence of black British people, whose family origins were in the Caribbean.

It is a proud and significant celebration for those whose families both came over and overcame to establish themselves as an indispensable part of post-war Britain.

But it is also a time for reflection and repentance on the part of white Britain and the mainstream churches, as we look back on the reception offered to many of those who came to this country with positive aspirations and high hopes. The racism they and their children encountered turned the hope of a promised land into a struggle to survive in a new form of Babylon.

Those who arrived as faithful Anglicans or Presbyterians found that even the household of God was all too often a cold and unwelcoming place, where their own did not receive them as brothers and sisters. The strength and variety of black-led denominations in Britain today is in part a testimony to the response of white churches to those who arrived bearing different gifts.

If, in this time of Pentecost, we are sensitive to the Spirit who convinces us of sin, white Christians will use this anniversary to reflect on the racism which continues to disfigure our society and our churches, and to infect our own hearts and minds. We will use it to listen respectfully to the stories and experiences of those whose voices have often been suppressed or silenced. We will use it to commit ourselves to active repentance for what has been done and left undone. But Pentecost also offers a transforming vision of unity and diversity. A sign that the brokenness of Babel has been redeemed, not by abolishing difference, but by translating it. The vision of the Christian church found in the New Testament is of a new international "nation" where the true worth and dignity of all ethnic groups is celebrated in the body of Christ.

Just as the Reformed churches worldwide were finally bold to declare apartheid a heresy, so the churches of this country must understand the struggle against racism to be something which continues to place the church in a *status confessionis*. Such a state of faith is one that calls for both continuing repentance and ongoing celebration as the church struggles to overcome and live out the gospel.

I am blessed to live in a neighbourhood and to belong to a local church where the reasons to celebrate the Windrush anniversary are obvious. They include Victoria, Iceneth, Sonia, Norma, Ken, Chris, Doris, Hyacinth, Janet, Max, Florence and Aljita ... This month in particular, I celebrate them and the sounds of their community of origin at work and study and play and worship, for they are the sounds of the Spirit, who came to bring new life to the church.

Standing and singing with them, deep in my heart I do believe, that we shall overcome some day.

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BANGOR CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Boreol Weddi; 11 Ch Euch, Darke in F, Rev B Mastin; 3.15 Ch E, Murrill in E; 5 Cymun Bendigaid.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Tu Trinitatis (Dvorak), Canon G O'Neill; 4 Ch E, Watson in E.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 Ch M, A: Hymn to the Trinity (Schubert), Canon Hindley; 10.30 Euch, Darke in F; 4 Ch E.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8, 11 Euch, The Brecon Mass (Moore), The Dean; 3.30 E, Brewer in D. Responses (Byrd).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 *Festal Euch, Coronation mass (Mozart)*, Bishop of Swindon; 3.30 Festal E, Stanford in C, Canon P Johnson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa papae Marcelli (Palestrina); 3.15 E, Purcell in E minor; 6.30 West Charing Deanery E, Lord Mayhew.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Collegium regale (Howells), Canon R Chapman; 3 E, Dyson in D.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Euch, Canon D Knight; 11.15 S Euch, Missa brevis (Berkeley); 3 Order of temple service; 6 Ch E, Stainer in A.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 11 S Euch, Mass of the Holy Trinity (Walsh); 3.30 E, Collegium regale (Howells), Rev Dr M Morgan.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Dublin: 11 S Euch, Mozart in B flat; 3.30 Ch E, *Blessed city heavenly Salem (Bairstow)*.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC; 10 M; 11.15 S Euch, Stavinsky mass, Canon Webster; 6 E, Noble in B.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 5 Ch E, Second service (Leighton).

DERBY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.45 S Euch, O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Canon R Parsons; 6 Ch E, Stanford in A, Canon G O Marshall.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Collegium regale (Howells), Rev T Thornton; 2.15 Royal Naval service of Dedication; 3.45 E, Jesus College service (Mathias).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Gray in F, Canon Dr D Ison; 11.15 M, Responses (Ayleward); 3 E; 6.30 ES, A: Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky).

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 Euch, Missa papae Marcelli (Palestrina), *Canon N Chatfield; 12.15 HC*; 3 E, Dyson in D, A: My soul there is a country (Parry).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Messe solennelle (Langlais), Canon J Schofield; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat; 6.30 ES, Kelly in C.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, St Nicholas mass (Haydn); 11.30 M.A: Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky); 3.30 E, Sumsion in D, Rev G Rooke.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 County service, The Bishop of Leicester; 11.45 HC; 2.30 Service of thanksgiving of the Air Training Corps; 4 Ch E, A: Teach me O Lord (Attwood).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Schubert in G; 3.30 E, Howells in G, Rev R Clarke.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 11.15 M; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Ordination of priests, Rev B Lewis; 4 HC.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Messe solennelle (Langlais), Canon R Langley; 6 Ch E, *Responses (Clucas)*.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10.30 Family Euch, Prelude in C minor (Bach); 6.30 Ch E, Second service (Byrd).

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8, 9.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Coronation mass (Mozart), Canon R Hanmer; 3.30 Festal E, Collegium regale (Wood); 6.30 EP.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M; 10.30 Euch, Jackson in G; 3.30 E, Bairstow in D, Canon M Baker.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Euch, Mass of St Thomas (Thorne); 11.15 D Day Memorial service, For the fallen (Blatchly), Rev J Ames; 6 E, Stanford in C.

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8, 9.30 Euch, Jackson in G, Canon K Purnshon; 11.30 M, Vaughan Williams in G; 12.30 Euch; 5.30 Diocesan Euch, Ireland in C.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M; 10.30 S Euch, Messe solennelle (Langlais), Canon E Turner; 3.15 E, Brewer in D, Rev D Preston.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Very Rev D Watson; 12 Leaden School 50th anniversary service; 3 Ch E, Collegium Magdelensis (Leighton).

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Ch Euch, Messe Solennelle (Vierne); 3 Ch E, Purcell in G minor; 6.30 Euch.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M & L; 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch; 3.15 E, organ: Fantasia in G major (Bach).

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 Sol S Euch, Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Canon A Neal; 6 E, Gloucester service (Howells).

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 C; 11 Sol Euch, 1640 mass (Monteverdi), Canon R Capper; 6.30 Sol E, Ireland in F.

***WELLS CATHEDRAL:** 8 HC; 9.45 S* Euch, Collegium regale (Howells); 11.30 M; 3 E, Service for trebles (Weelkes).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M; 11.15 S Euch, Messe solennelle (Langlais), Rev B Fenton; 3 E, Naylor in A; 5.45 Organ recital: Martin Baker; 6.30 ES, The Dean.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9 Mass; 10.30 Sol Mass, Messe cum jubilo (Duruflé); 12 Mass; 2.45 Organ recital: David Williams; 3.30 Sol V & B, Magnificat quarti toni (de Monte); 5.30, 7 Mass.

YORK MINSTER: 7.30 M; 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Mass in four parts (Byrd), Canon Prof E Norman; 11.30 S Euch, Collegium regale (Howells); 4 E, I saw the Lord (Stainer), Canon Dr J Toy; 8 Concert.

ST ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL, Hertfordshire: 8 HC; 9.30 Euch; 11 M, Britten in C; 12.15 HC; 6.30 ES.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Denbighshire: 8 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Very Rev K Goulstone; 3.30 Ch E, A: Be still for the presence of the Lord (Eccles).

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL, Pembrokeshire: 8 HC; 9.30 Cymun Bendigaid; 11.15 M; *6 Ch E, Mr M Plant*.

ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 S Euch, Mozart in G, Rev R Davey; 11.30 Ch M, Britten in C & E; 3.30 Ch E, Howells in G.

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ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8, 10 HC; 11.30 MS, Jubilate Deo (Phillips); 6 St Giles at Six; 8 ES, Rev I K Stiven.

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL, Old Aberdeen: 11, Rev D Molyneaux; 6 ES.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, Dublin: 8.30 Euch; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Johannis de Deo (Haydn), Rev V G Stacey; 3.15 Ch E, Stanford in G.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 11.30 S Euch, Missa brevis (Chapple), Venerable G Cassidy; 2.30 Kitchener Scholars' service; 3.15 E, Rev W Challis; 4.15 Polish Air Force wreathlaying; 6 ES.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy. Kievan and traditional polyphony, Met Anthony.

ALL SAINTS, W1: 8 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Palestrina); 5.15 LM; 6 E & B, Sumsion in G, Rev I Davies.

ALL SOULS, W1: 9.30, 11.30 MP, Rev R Tice; 6.30 EP, Rev R Trist.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 C, Rev Dr P Elvy; 6 E.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 HC, Rev S Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 8, 9.30 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Ives); 12.30 LM; 4.15 Mass; 6.15 LM.

THE ORATORY, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Messe solennelle (Langlais); 12.30 Mass; 3.30 V & B, Duo seraphim (Esquival); 4.30, 7 Mass.

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, EC2: 11 HC, Rev Dr L Griffiths.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist): 11 MP, Rev Dr P Graves; 6.30 HC, Rev Dr N Richardson.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Ch Euch, Rev G Neumann; 2 Swahili HC, Rev J Shabaya; 7 Formula Missae, Rev P D Schmiege.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Missa O rex gloriae (Lobo); 6.30 E, Great service (Byrd).

ST BRIDE'S, EC4: 11 Ch Euch, Jackson in G, O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Ch E, Gray in F minor, I saw the Lord (Stainer), Guild Chaplain W Boulton.

ST CLEMENT DANES, WC2: 11 Ch Euch, Collegium regale (Howells), Rev I Thomas.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, SW1: 11; 6.30, Rev W A Cairns.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, EC1: 11 S Mass, Benedicta sit (Victoria).

ST GEORGE'S, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rheinberger in E flat.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, John Paul.

ST LUKE'S, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, I was glad (Purcell), Rev C Kevill-Davies; 12.15 HC; 6.30 E, A: Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn).

ST MARK'S, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Schubert in G, Rev T Andrews.

ST MARGARET'S, SW1: 11 S Euch, Mozart in B flat, Rev P Cowell.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev M Johnson; 11.30 Visitors Service; 2.45 Chinese Service; 5 Ch E; 6.30 ES, Rev G Lee.

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, W8: 8 HC; 9.30 Euch; 11.15 Ch M; 12.30 HC; 6.30 E.

ST MARY'S, SW1: 9, 10 LM; 11 HM, Missa in honorem Sanctissimae Trinatis (Mozart), Father T Noble; 6 Sol E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, NW1: 8 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Orgelsolomesse (Mozart), Prof J Caldwell; 6.30 Ch healing service.

ST PAUL'S, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Sol Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina).

ST PETER'S, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Father A R Chidwick.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Stanford in A, Responses (Radcliffe).

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Leighton in D.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley St, W1: 11 S Euch, Hymn of the cherubim (Rachmaninov), Rev D Dewey.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, EC4: 8.30 HC; *11.15 MP, O Pater sancte* (Plainsong).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Ch HC, Band of the Coldstream Guards, Rev L H Bryan.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, SE10: 11 S Euch, Mass of the quiet hour (Oldroyd), Rev R Nurton.

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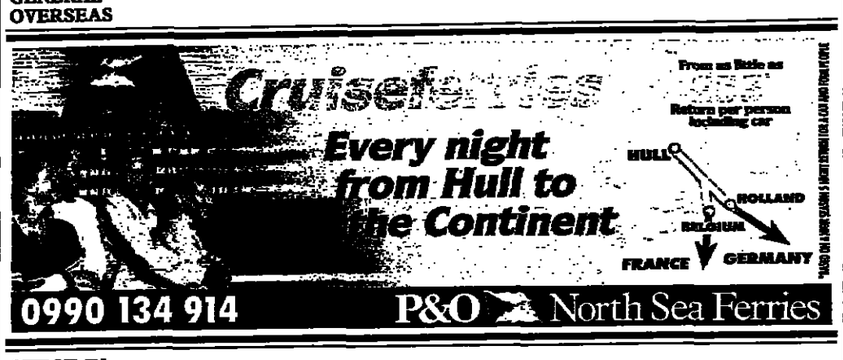
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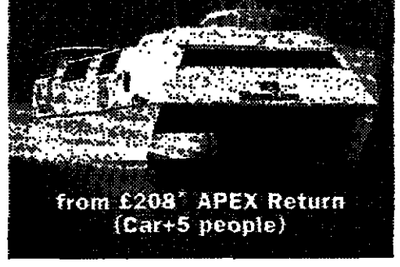
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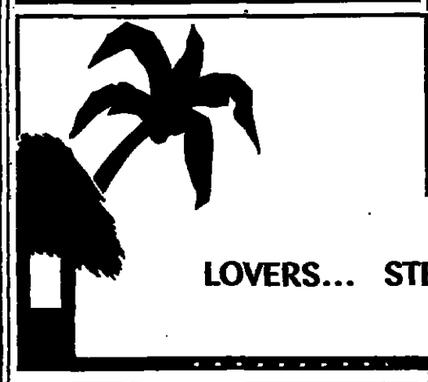
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A big fish on a small island

Jonathan Hart, who returned from Bali last week, reports on Suharto's grip on the tourism industry



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Former Indonesian President Suharto on a fishing trip, a favourite pastime. Now the Balinese are hoping his spoils will be traced and sold with money returning to the island, which relies on tourism

It is a real baptism of fire for the world's first Hard Rock Beach Club. On the first full day of opening, May 19, the gleaming timber and stucco fun palace on Bali's Kuta beach is hastily boarded up and its handful of guests evacuated from their pastel pink rooms.

The reason? It is the eve of Independence Day demonstrations across Indonesia, the event that was finally to unseat President Suharto, whose nepotistic family tentacles are said by many Balinese to have invaded their normally carefree holiday island like an incipient, unseen cancer.

The Hard Rock, with its Rollerblading waitresses, giant lagoon and world renowned Café, is a name linked with a figure reviled but, so far, endured in necessary silence in these overtly commercial parts — as are many of the swankiest international resorts and brand-name leisure outlets on the so-called "Island of the Gods".

Suharto, his family or cronies are into everything, it is whispered, ever more loudly as the days go by.

And it is true. The family's influence spreads to the bars, restaurants and service industries of tacky, low-life Kuta and its upscale neighbour Tuban. It is even more predominant in the former scrublands and golden beaches of the southernmost Badung peninsula, where international tourism is evidenced by a raft of dollar-charging, luxury resorts.

Whether it is one or another of the children — Bam Bang, Tommy, Sigit or their sister Tutut — or one of their well-connected Jakarta friends, the Suharto influence is omnipresent: in the now suspended private airline Sempati that served the island; in the sleek Galleria shopping malls; in telecoms, fast food, soft drink and leisure centre franchises and on the ownership portfolios of big name resorts.

These range from the remote and monolithic Bali Cliff, owned by Tutut and a monument to excess, to the swish Ritz-Carlton, classy Four Seasons and glossy Inter-Continental on the powdered sands of exclusive Jimbaran Bay; from the Japanese-owned Nikko at Selatan, with its wedding specials and imported camels, to the luxury rooms and extensive tropical gardens of the Sheraton Indah Dua and Grand Hyatt resorts on Nusa Dua beach.

There are also newer resorts backed by family money: the Pecatu Indah, close to the Bali Cliff, and the Saba Bai, a plush hideaway in developing Gianyar province.

And there are substantial land purchases, but no development yet, at Pemuteran, edging West Bali National Park on the northwest coast, where local villagers were reputed to have been summarily evicted.

The island is already struggling with a depleted tourist inflow, thanks to the widely accepted but incorrect assumption earlier this year that it was covered in smoke haze from forest fires, and to the perception of Bali as being close to the murderous turmoil taking place in Jakarta. It is 700 miles away.

All hotels and businesses are suffering, not just Suharto's, all tarred with the same brush of misinformation and misconception. "How do you explain situation normal? It's impossible," says Kamal Kaul, manager of the thatched and pristine Oberoi at Legian.

Imbued with their own Hindu and Bhuddist religions and philosophies, independent by nature and reasonably well off compared with most Indonesians, the Balinese have always resented dour Javanese intrusion on their profitable patch. But they have kept their counsel, steadfastly ploughing their own furrow for fear of killing the goose that laid the golden tourism egg.

On satellite television, while being massaged and manicured at a charming mid-market beach bungalow north of Kuta, we watch events unfold in Jakarta with bewildered detachment.

New arrivals to the island are Chinese Indonesians. As the riots rage in Jakarta and their businesses go up in flames, hundreds escape the capital, taking refuge in Balinese hotels not associated with Suharto.

A demonstration, the island's first, is planned for Kuta tomorrow: a band of local students supported by 300 activists flown in from Java. Hence the boarding up of internationally branded retail outlets, seen as Suharto targets, which include the local McDonald's. The Bali Cliff attracted extra armed guards.

Colin Gatenby, a British resident in his hilltop eyrie near the chic artists colony of Ubud, 20 miles inland, dismisses thoughts of trouble.

"Nothing serious is going to happen. Bali is Bali and *tourism is king. The biggest* threat is a scrap breaking out between the Balinese and Javanese." In the event, little happens. The demonstration is peaceful and short-lived, defused by the news that Suharto is stepping down. The same evening the majority of bars, restaurants, shops and clubs of Kuta are open. In fact, they never closed.

Goa 2001, a favoured watering hole for ex-pat Europeans at Seminyak, on the cerebral *side of Kuta, is positively* jumping into the early hours with dancing on the tables and jugs of *arak madu*, the local honey-lemon flavoured fire water being consumed in vast quantities.

The tourists who remain, many having ignored government advice, wallow by deserted pools and beckon bored waiters. The talk now is of how Bali may follow the Philippines, where the spoils of Marcos where traced and nationalised.

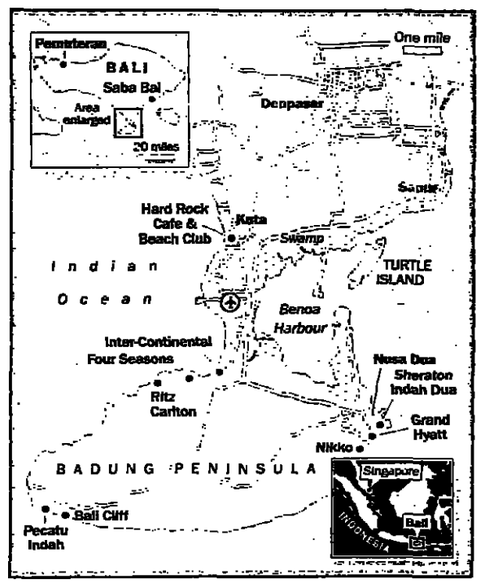
"Reforms are coming and not before time," sighs Italian resident Laura Villa. But don't hold your breath just because *Suharto's gone.*

"Corruption is buried deep in the fabric of Indonesian society, Bali or elsewhere. But at least we are moving in the right direction."

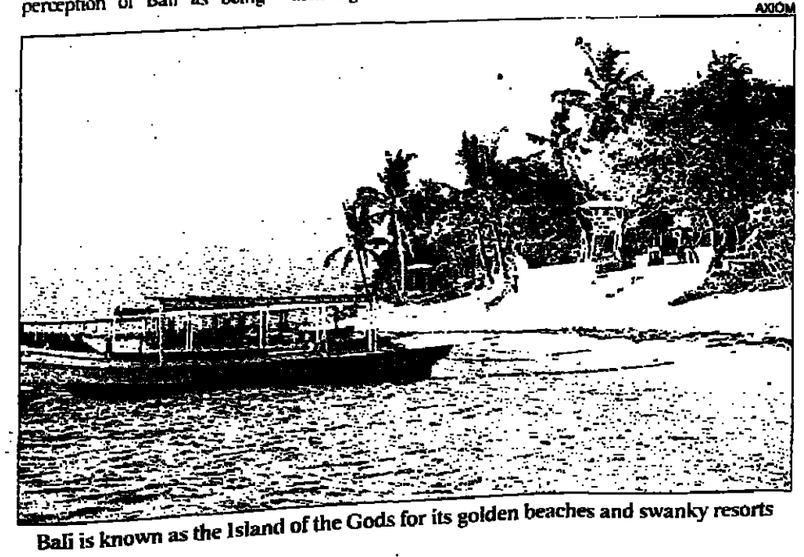
What will become of Suharto's Balinese interests? "Simple," said a local tourism official. "They'll have to be sold and the money returned to the people. It will happen. It's not just the mood. Bali needs the business."

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The wide-ranging interests of Suharto, his family and friends in the Balinese holiday business



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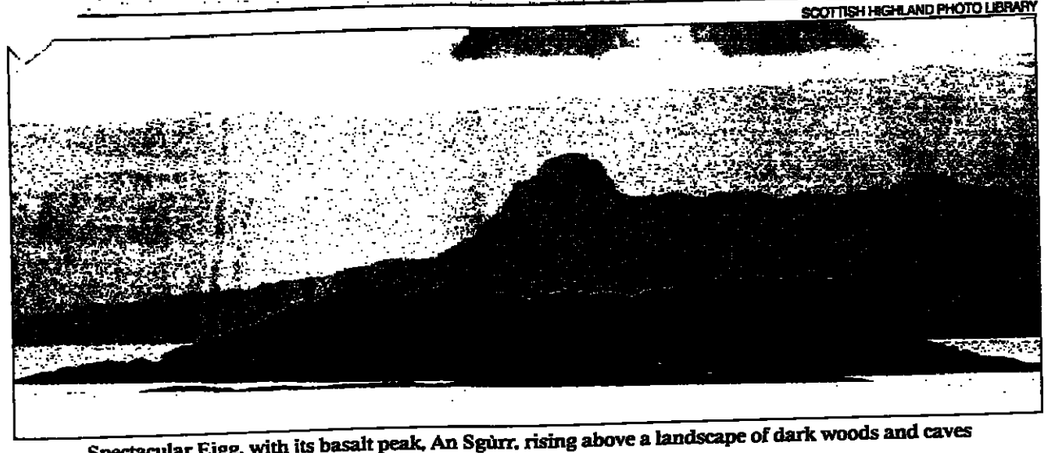
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Spectacular Eigg, with its basalt peak, An Sgùrr, rising above a landscape of dark woods and caves

Caves, ceilidhs and Singing Sands

Brian Pedley visits Eigg, as the islanders prepare for the first anniversary of their independence

Little Kirsty-Anne Robertson is the Isle of Eigg's youngest resident. She is also the first person on Eigg to be born a laird of her own isle. In March last year, when Kirsty-Anne was shouting her arrival into the world, the people of Eigg were putting an end to centuries of feudalism by buying their 7,400-acre island, with its lonely cliffs and peaks, dark woods and caves, and Singing Sands.

The 68 islanders formally took possession in an emotional celebration on June 12. On the anniversary, next Friday, the free people of Eigg will throw a grand independence day ceilidh — and Kirsty-Anne will be allowed to stay up late.

My own first view of Eigg was from the ferry *Lochmor* as it set course west-southwest from Mallaig. To starboard lay the isle of Skye and on the port side, through the summer haze, lay Ardnamurchan, the most westerly point of mainland Britain. Thirteen miles straight ahead, there was no mistaking Eigg, with its glowering basalt peak, An Sgùrr, rising nearly 1,300ft from a plateau of purple and green.

Sandy Moodie, *Lochmor*'s master, delights in one of Britain's most spectacular ferry routes. "You'll get a shaft of sunlight on an aspect of the island," he says. "And although you've been passing it for four years, you never really pick it out until that particular day." Seals, dolphins, basking sharks and minke whales all make regular appearances around the islands.

On the smaller ferry, *Shearwater*, which runs in summer from Arisaig, the skipper has been known to drop anchor while passengers enjoy the performances. The ferries carry everything necessary to civilised life in the Small Isles — Rhum, Muck, Canna and Eigg — from breakfast cereal to bottled gas, letters and livestock. "We're at a bit of a disadvantage with sheep," says Mr Moodie. "We have to walk them up the stairs to the aft deck."

On Eigg, sheep outnumber people by nearly 30 to one. In the early summer, new lambs skip across the single-track road that runs north through bluebell glades to the silver beaches, fields and crofts of Cleadale. Here, Kirsty-Anne's father, Davie Robertson, farms as well as driving one of Eigg's few pieces of motorised transport. Most islanders, it seems, earn their living from more than one job. In Eigg's elderly corrugated-iron post office and shop, I recognised John, the postman, as the skipper of the "flit boat" that transfers passengers from the *Lochmor* to the pier. Sue Kirk, the shopkeeper, also does bed and breakfast.

As part of the June 12 celebrations, both shop and postal services will be reopened in a new £170,000 pierside complex that will also house a tea room and restaurant, craft shop and information centre. On an island with no mains electricity, pubs or public lavatories and hardly any television, self-rule brings obvious gains.

When the German surrealist artist Marlin Eckhard (brushname "Maruma") put the island on the market in July 1996, the Isle of Eigg Trust took just seven months to raise the necessary £1.5 million. The 10,000 donations ranged from children's pocket money to a glorious £900,000 from an anonymous well-wisher. The Trust now manages Eigg in partnership with the Highland Council and Scottish Wildlife Trust. "Nobody here wants things to change in any major way," says Maggie Fyffe. "It would take away the reasons why folk come here."

Ms Fyffe's home, with hens scurrying round the door, overlooks the Bay of Laig, with its sweep of white sand. At the nearby Singing Sands, an outcrop has shaped itself into a swimming pool. Generations of youngsters have sprinted out of the island school and into the glittering waters.

The island's children will have also scurried across the weird rock forms to hear the Singing Sands for themselves. Do not expect the "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" from *Nabucco*. When walked upon, the millions of dry, sparkling grains squeak, rather than sing, in an eerie, muffled way.

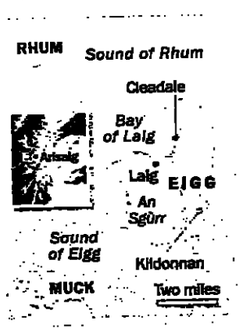
The island's wildlife is another curiosity. John Chester, a Scottish Wildlife Trust warden, leads regular guided walks among the 130 species of wild birds and 450 species of flowering plants. Some of the most exotic trees of any Scottish island grow in the grounds of the Lodge, home of one of Eigg's previous owners. "In a sheltered area like this," says Mr Chester, "Eucalyptus and palms grow, and creatures such as bats exist quite happily."

The paths take in the cliffs of Galmisdale where Eigg's entire population of 398 was said to have been suffocated to death in 1577. The families had taken refuge in the deepest cave from their clan enemies, the Macleods. "They died in the smoke of wet brushwood that was lit at the mouth of the cave," Mr Chester says. To this day, the so-called Massacre Cave holds a grisly fascination.

Eigg has survived everything from clearances to famine, but by the 1980s, only 60 people still lived on an island that was dying of neglect. "What happened a year ago was a dream come true," says Angus McKinnon, a 71-year-old crofter, whose people have lived on Eigg since 1650.

Visitors are now more gladly received than ever. "One of the reasons our appeal succeeded," Ms Fyffe says, "was because people like to know that places like this still exist."

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■ Getting there: Brian Pedley travelled with the Scottish Tourist Board, and flew from Plymouth to Glasgow with Brymon Airways (0345 222111), a wholly owned subsidiary of British Airways. Plymouth-Glasgow flights start at £166. There is one departure on weekdays. It also flies from Manchester and Bristol to Glasgow.

■ Getting around: Eigg is 13 miles from the Scottish mainland port of Mallaig, served by the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry (01687 462403; £7.55-£8.60 return; daily except Wed and Sun) or by the *Shearwater* which runs from Easter until late September from Arisaig (01687 450224; £13 return; sailing daily except Thurs).

■ Accommodation: On Eigg, it is limited to around 60 beds, although facilities are being expanded. B&Bs include:
Sue Kirk (01687 482405) — Scottish Tourist Board recommended, extremely well-equipped cottage-style accommodation overlooking the Bay of Laig, with washing machines, cookers and wood-burning stoves. Home-cooked food, with bread baked daily; dinner, B&B and packed lunch costs £30 per person per night.
Self-catering (£180-£350 per week) with Marie Carr (01687 482446) — dinner, B&B and packed lunch £30 per person per night.
For full details of accommodation on Eigg, contact Mairi Kirk, Maranatha, Isle of Eigg PH42 4RL (01687 482416).
Camping by arrangement with Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust (01687 482486). Call at the pier on arrival.

■ Activities: The Scottish Wildlife Trust runs guided walks throughout the summer, Thursdays, 11am, until the end of August.
Ceilidhs are held frequently during the summer, including July, Eigg's "month of music". Contact Maggie Fyffe at the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust (01687 482486).

■ Reading: *Eigg, The Story of an Island*, by islander Camille Dressler (Polygon, £10.99).

■ Further information: Holiday Scotland (0990 51111). For additional information on Eigg and the Small Isles (0131-332 2433).

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The islanders of Eigg celebrated their independence a year ago. The first anniversary will be marked by a grand ceilidh

Those magic monuments

Nicholas Courtney goes castle-spotting in the Grampians

For a region so well stocked with castles, the Grampian Highlands is remarkably underpopulated by tourists. Perhaps they visit the Balmoral or whisky trails, possibly the lighthouse museums on the coastal trail.

Yet for all that is on offer in the sparse tracts of northeast Scotland, the castles and their gardens are the most rewarding. Many can be seen by the determined visitor over a long weekend.

At first glance, there is a certain sameness about them, their massive stone keeps softened by domesticity and extended over the centuries as a desire for comfort displaced the need for security. Yet, despite their similarity, each place is as individual as the families that owned them.

Each has its own magical setting, such as the walled gardens that surround Crathes and the privately owned Cawdor, while at Castles Fraser, Fyvie and Drum, the "policies" (the improved grounds surrounding a Scottish country house) skirt the castle walls. The lesser-known Leith Hall combines the two.

These are all you would expect of a Scottish castle: romantic, imposing and turreted, straight from the pages of a Sir Walter Scott novel. Here you can see castle life at its best and often most understated. Family histories unfold room by room — see, for example, the Horn of Leys, the badge of office given to Alexander Burnett by Robert the Bruce, hanging in the drawing room at Crathes. Chippendale and needlework coexist with fine French furniture and tapestries; good paintings hang alongside family-daubed watercolours.

There are personal touches, such as the articulated wooden leg of Peninsular War veteran Charles MacKenzie Fraser in the library of Castle Fraser, or the curtains installed by Frederick MacKenzie Fraser's second wife which neatly obscure the portrait of his first wife.

By contrast there are the magnificent 18th-century houses of Haddo and Duff, built like palaces as monuments to patrician superiority by William Adam (father of the more famous Robert Adam) for two very rich clients, the 2nd Earl of Aberdeen and the 1st Earl of Fife.

Each has developed in its own way. Set in a fine, ornamental deer park, Haddo stands with two outstretched wings, a fitting seat with commensurate furnishings and paintings for a proud family that numbers a Prime Minister (the 4th Earl) and a Viceroy of Ireland (the 1st Marquess).

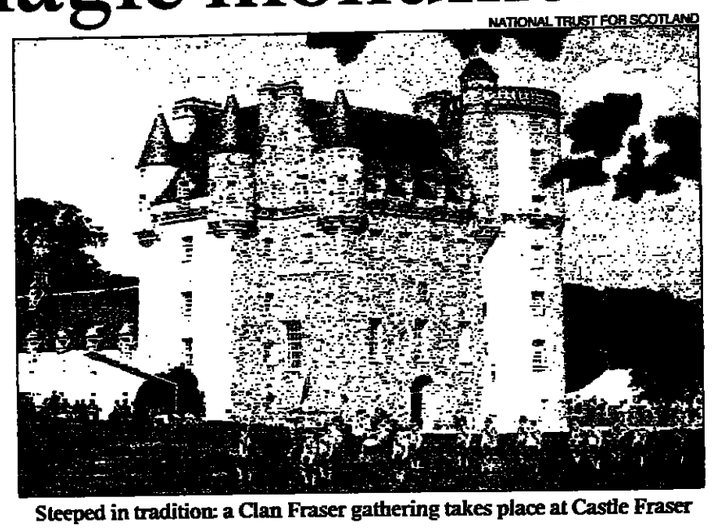
Duff House stands like a great baroque whale, beached near the seashore on the northern coast. It has had a chequered history since being abandoned at the turn of the century. It later became a hospital, a hotel, a PoW camp, then billets for Polish and Norwegian troops.

The climate and rich soil of the region, together with the preponderance of walled gardens, have been well exploited by gardeners over the centuries. Pitmedden is one such place and is a triumph for the National Trust for Scotland. In 1952, it took over an ordinary working market garden of four acres and has systematically recreated an approximation of its original 17th-century formal design. Pity the gardeners with six miles of hedging to clip, but the resulting parterres depicting Scottish themes. Latin tags and geometric patterns are most impressive, even if they are planted with gaudy annuals.

With these houses, much of the pleasure is found in the natural surroundings, with lovely walks that take in pasture and glade, woodland and moorland, rivers and man-made lochs.

There is, however, one bleak, desolate place that is neither attached to a country house, nor man-made — just man-destroyed: Culloden Moor, site of the decisive battle of the second Jacobite uprising in 1745. It is also deeply moving. Locals say it is haunted by its blood-soaked past and to wander over the battlefield is to walk with the ghosts of those slain highlanders — the clansmen of the Gordons, Frasers and Cawdors.

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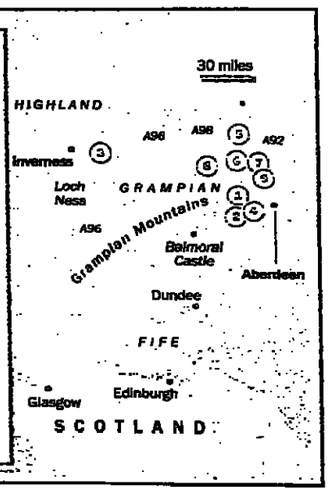


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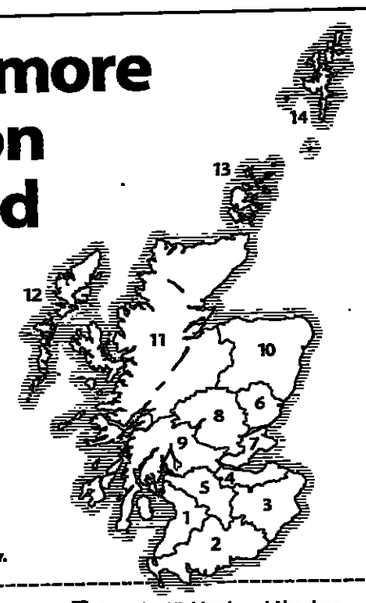
■ Nicholas Courtney travelled with the National Trust for Scotland (0131-226 5922) which offers a free "Visit Scotland's Best" leaflet.

■ Getting there: KLM uk (0990 074074) flies from Stansted to Aberdeen. Fares start at £39 one-way. Hertz (0990 996699) has weekend car rentals from £49.

■ Accommodation: Any of the smaller Macdonald Hotels (01506 815215) dotted through Aberdeenshire. Prices at, for example, the Aviemore Highlands starts at £49 per person, for dinner, B&B.
The Grampian Highlands and Aberdeen Tourist Board also publishes a list of B&Bs. Earlsfield Farm (01464 831473) is handy for Leith Hall.
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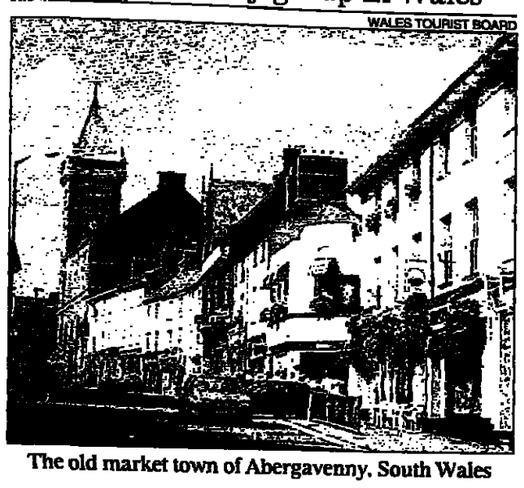
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UK: WALES — WHERE DID MY WEEKEND GO?

Harnessed up in pursuit of adventure

In the second of a series on weekend breaks, **Deborah King** joins an activity group in Wales

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The old market town of Abergavenny, South Wales

MARION BRIGHT



Deborah crosses the river by zip wire: "Once attached to the ropes you throw yourself from the raised bank to gain enough momentum to reach the other side. It's superb"

FRIDAY

5pm: Driving along the M4 from London, the car feels sluggish as it is loaded with a colossal amount of luggage. My Welsh guidebook threateningly states "the closeness of the mountains to the coast means you can encounter different climatic conditions", so I'm carrying everything but the kitchen sink, from T-shirts to thermal vests.

8pm: Arrive at the Angel Hotel in Abergavenny, Gwent, and meet Diane, the Acorn Activities rep. The weekend group gradually assembles, and includes Scotsman Derek, Ian from Lancashire, Marion (a New Zealander, with whom I am sharing a room) and Marco, Spike and Julie, three friends in their twenties from Hereford.

8.30pm: Over dinner at the hotel, Diane joins us and conversation turns to the local demise of the Welsh language. In Abergavenny only two per cent of the population speak Welsh compared with 54 per cent in Carmarthenshire.

11.45pm: Collapse in bed. I'm knackered after the long drive from London.

SATURDAY

8am: Early morning wake-up call. Practise Spiderman stretches in the bathroom in preparation for abseiling and climbing, the day's main activities.

9.45am: After a poached egg breakfast, we take a minibus to Morlais Quarry, near Merthyr Tydfil. Chris, our instructor, has an exemplary safety record and wants to keep it that way.

We don helmets and harnesses in preparation for our climb.

10.30am: Derek, harnessed-up, goes first with two of us helping his ascent. My job is to ensure the safety rope is taut so that if he slips, he remains suspended. "Just as well he's not wearing a kilt," jokes Chris.

11.30am: It's my turn. I should be okay as long as I don't look down. Watching the others from below, the rock face had seemed full of little ledges, but it's far easier to see these when you don't have your nose against the rock. Stretching another inch seems impossible when you are already stretched out as though on a rack. Despite this, I virtually reach the top and enjoy the abseil down.

12.30pm: We break for our packed lunches, then lazily lie out on some rocks like lizards basking in the sun. I watch a family abseil from the quarry: a macho guy runs down the face of the rock head first, commando-style. It turns my stomach just watching him.

1pm: Chris disappears for 30 minutes to set up the abseil from the clifftop. Although I have abseiled before, the thought of this one sets off not just butterflies, but ping-pong balls.

1.45pm: Derek, Ian and Marco are first off the edge and that suits me fine. Julie has no intention of attempting the abseil and chooses instead to keep her feet firmly on the ground.

2.30pm: Against my better judgement, I'm strapped into a harness ready for the descent. It is windy and it's as much as I can do to stay upright. I shuffle backwards holding on to the thin rope until I feel my heels touch the edge of the rock. Then I make the huge mistake of looking down. Julie is a blot on the landscape below. I tell Chris I'm not sure I can do this.

"No problem," he says, "You've done really well to get this far if you're not keen on heights. Perhaps you can try again later." I step forward, remove the harness and run like a mountain goat down the grassy hillside to join Julie and her terra firma.

5pm: Arrive back at the hotel. Shops are closed, so we head for the nearby Bridge Inn to soak up the sun by the river. On the way back we pass the noisy Grasshopper Bar: one of the hippest hang-outs in Abergavenny (it even has a page on the Internet). However, we agree that it looks a bit too boisterous.

7pm: Shower and brief rest.

8.30pm: Dinner of potato and leek soup and lamb cutlets. Very Welsh.

10.30pm: Marco and Spike have offered to play their guitars for the group — they are members of a group called Charley Potatoes. We listen to them sing one of their own compositions, *Johnny Mango*. One thing's for sure, I'd rather be here than at the Grasshopper.

SUNDAY

1.30am: Finally retire to bed.

8am: Awoken by a riotous street cleaning machine consuming the numerous bottles and cans discarded by last night's revellers — the Bridge Inn must have been packed and the Grasshopper hopping.

8.45am: The others are kayaking today but I have opted for horse riding. The stables at Velindre are about 45 minutes away — I grab a croissant to eat when I get there.

10.12am: Reach the stables after stopping the car three times to ask directions. Ex-army captain Lesley Burrows is my riding instructor. She tells me I have missed the short, half-day trekking session and now the only availability is on a full-day ride.

Aching from yesterday's climbing, I kick myself for being late.

10.30am: All tacked up and ready to go on the back of eight-year-old Harry, a small Welsh horse standing at 14.2 hands.

10.35am: I follow Broadway, Lesley's ride, and eat my croissant "on the hoof".

11.10am: We head towards the foothills of the Black Mountains. We pass a local landmark called Twmpa, which is "otherwise known as Lord Hereford's knob", according to Lesley. Harry knows these parts well and I stick to him like Superglue as he jumps over boggy ground and attempts to trot downhill.

11.30am: The valleys look stunning from my elevated position as we ride along the bridle paths. I pat Harry to show my appreciation. We climb steadily to Y Grib Pass, avoiding groups trekking further down the foothills.

"We call that the M1," says Lesley, "That's why I like taking smaller groups: so we can go off the beaten track." The track is narrow and there is a 45° drop to my right. "Don't look down," says Lesley, "This bit is known as Death Valley."

1pm: At last we reach Y Grib Pass (1,086ft) and we pause to admire the dramatic view. Our neighbouring peak is Mynydd Troed (pronounced Mini Troyd) and in the distance, people are hiking up to the Iron Age hillfort of Castell Dinas. Right now, I wouldn't swap my lot for all the sheep in Wales.

1.10pm: Our descent on the other side is truly spectacular. Lesley says I can lead Harry on foot if I prefer, but I lean back in the saddle for extra balance and try not to look down.

2pm: We reach The Castle Inn and tie the horses to a tree. I imitate John Wayne's walk, though not intentionally. Ouch.

3pm: A glass of cider later and I'm ready to roll.

5pm: Leisurely ride back. We see model airplanes, kites, hang gliders and even a polecat, a slimy brown ferret-like creature that shot across our path (apparently it's quite rare to see one here).

6.30pm: Back at the hotel, others in the group who had opted for kayaking say that it was a success too. Everyone is shattered. We eat dinner, go to the bar and talk about jobs. Dennis works on the deli counter at Tesco and Ian engineers the processing of 700 tonnes of chocolate each week at McVitie's. Why didn't he bring any along?

MONDAY

8am: The gorge adventure day. But first, I explore the ruins of 11th century Abergavenny Castle from where there are superb views of the Blorenge and Sugar Loaf Mountain. After breakfast, we meet guides, Mike and Fred at Craig y Ddinas and begin by scrambling up Sychryd Gorge.

10.30am: A dark hole to explore. One by one we clamber up the slippery rock and down the other side where Fred waits "to receive the damaged goods".

11.30am: 40 minutes in a silica mine, last used in the Sixties. We wade through icy-cold water in the cavern, turn off our torches and return in single file in the dark. Never had daylight seemed more appealing.

2.30pm: After a sandwich lunch, Fred and Mike set up a zip wire across the river. Once attached to the ropes you throw yourself from the raised bank to gain enough momentum to reach the other side. It's superb.

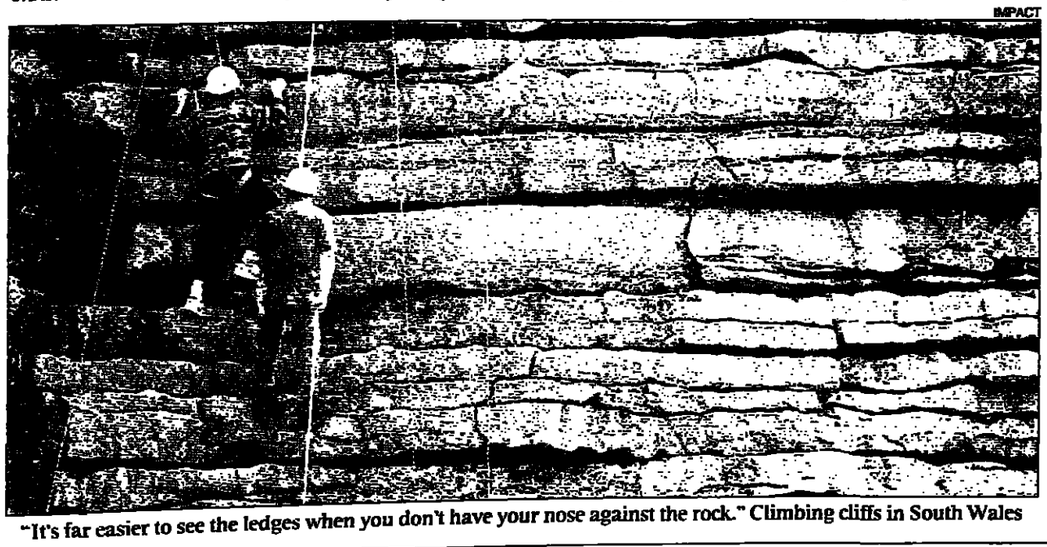
4pm: We are invited to jump 30ft into the cold water of the river below. The rest of us encourage Derek, Marion and Dennis as they get ready to give their circulation the shock of its life. They jump in and come up gasping for air.

6pm: One final shower at the hotel to relieve my aching limbs before the long drive home.

THE VERDICT

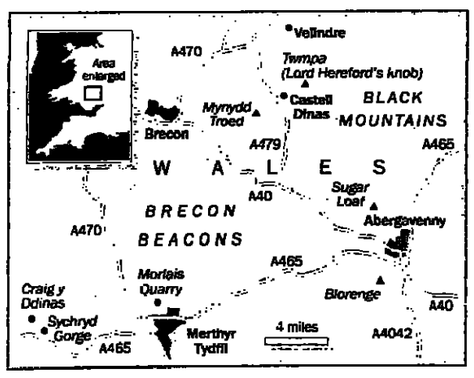
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IMPACT



"It's far easier to see the ledges when you don't have your nose against the rock." Climbing cliffs in South Wales

WALES FACT FILE



■ **Getting there:** Deborah King travelled with Acorn Activities (01432 830083). Her package cost £260 including three nights full board at The Angel Hotel in Abergavenny and all activities. Acorn offers over 150 activities, ranging from abseiling to flying, including family holidays. Accommodation, arranged by Acorn, from £22 per person.

■ **What to see:** The Castle Museum in Abergavenny is open Mon-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. A cattle market is held on Tuesdays. The national cycle network (SUSTRANS) from Holyhead to Cardiff runs through the town centre and there are picturesque walks along the River Usk. Abergavenny's arts festival runs from July 25-August 12.

■ **Reading:** *Wales* (Rough Guides, £10.99); *On the Black Hill*, Bruce Chatwin (Picador, £6.99. The book follows the life of twin farmers on the English/Welsh border); *Abergavenny and the Black Mountains* — sheet 161 (Ordinance Survey, Landranger £4.95).

■ **Further information:** Abergavenny Tourist Information (01873 857588); Tourism South & West Wales (01792 781212).

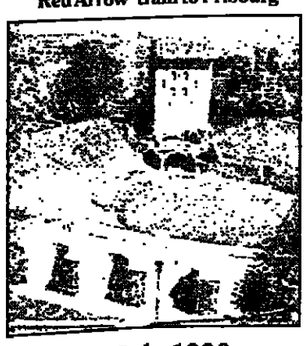
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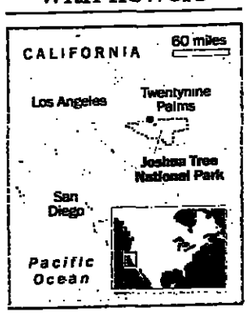
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U2 can see the Joshua tree bloom

Hiking in California, **Anita Peltonen** is surprised to find a desert ablaze with flowers



TONY STONE



The wild and inhospitable national park is the sole habitat of the Joshua tree, which looks like an electrocuted cactus. The trails are lonely and hikers are warned to take ample food and water

Holidaymakers the world over come to Los Angeles for replenishment. They play in the surf, dabble at in-line skating, or buzz toward the honeyed light and rarefied air of sybaritic Hollywood. It is where Bill Clinton's accuser Paula Jones attempted to buff her image before her day in court.

If Jones had wanted a real character scrubbing, she would have gone to the other southern California: the fire and brimstone desert at Joshua Tree National Park, two hours east of Los Angeles.

This wild, inhospitable place is the sole habitat of Joshua trees, which look like electrocuted cactuses — or very odd candelabra. The surrounding towns are dusty, humble, and look like outlaw magnets. The Marines' vast Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms injects an extra dose of rough-and-ready types into a local mix that includes trailerpark dwellers, pensioners, and Latino and Asian immigrants.

Conversely, there are some pretty little hotels, some quite cosy. Also, the San Andreas fault lines beneath the 850 square-mile park are supposed to emit a good vibe that attracts latter-day hippies, artists and holistic healers. Time and space do stretch and warp here in a way I cannot explain. It may be the scarcity of landmarks, or the smallness of a single human against this broad desertscape, which includes wild palm oases and peaks of nearly 6,000ft. Or perhaps it's the bend of the light. The sun sets heart-stoppingly fast, dragging maroon, mango and plum-coloured clouds behind it.

The name Joshua tree was given to the *Yucca brevifolia* by the Mormons in the mid-19th century, who saw them as the outstretched arms of Joshua directing them to their promised land. The name was made famous by the 1987 U2 album *The Joshua Tree*.

I saw my first Joshua trees last winter, which turned out to be an extraordinary season. The El Niño-driven wet weather that caused coastal mudslides brought floral abundance to the desert.

So in addition to the spiked, monster Joshua plants, there were masses of buds pushing through the sand, some already opening. They are expected to keep blooming long after the usual end of season this month.

Also, temperatures have been damped down by El Niño, so summer's normal frying-pan temperatures could remain in the reasonable nineties (low 30s centigrade). This is a headline year to visit one of the oddest places in creation in full bloom.

The Joshua trees' white trumpet flowers will be more voluptuous than ever. Other species in unusually riotous bloom will include sunflowers, tidytips, desert dandelion and lavender, lupin, dune primrose and verbena, and (scarlet) little mariposa lily.

Southern Joshua Tree is the haunt of the rare ghost flower; its translucent, orchid-like petals have violet spots. Pinto Basin is another excellent viewing area. (Daily checks with park rangers will reveal what's blooming where.)

But cooler temperatures and showier flora will not mean a tamer desert. Fluctuations have been severe this spring, with a March 28 snowstorm following two hot days. In February, I felt the place was conspiring to rearrange my molecules. I was seared and frozen, buffeted by rogue winds, chased by flash floods, even visited by a hallucination of a rattler. (It was just a snaky ray of light created by my sun-blasted eyes.)

Armed with good outdoor gear and common sense, you can have a tremendous time traipsing through this amalgam of high (Mojave) and low (Colorado) desert. Hiking, horse trekking, and rock climbing opportunities abound.

Here you can camp right among the Joshua trees, part of an ecosystem supporting hummingbirds, Gila woodpeckers, kangaroo rats, bobcats, burrowing owls, and unusual insects such as the pseudoscorpion (sorry — there are real ones, too).

Joshua Tree park had human inhabitants until as late as 1969 — farmers, miners, and earlier, a few small native bands. With ranger guidance, you will find their faded traces. Nature trails abound, too. *National Geographic*'s survey map is recommended for longer treks; for the less mobile, there are great drives and à beguiling cactus garden.

I started into Joshua at Cottonwood Spring. Intrigued by a mini-oasis of fan palms there, I set out on Lost Palms Oasis Trail, which promised a 110-tree oasis four miles into the back country. It sounded so wonderfully bizarre, and lonely.

The trail's red rock tors were thick with plants shaped like upthrust hands: pencil-branched ocotillo and plump cholla cactuses, creosote bushes and mojave yucca. The beavertail cactuses were budding: bits of magenta petal peeped out. Early desert mallow lent a dusting of orange.

As the weather cleared from a morning rain, the palette of desert colour intensified: sky pale blue, near hills navy, distant peaks violet, red rocks scarlet. I felt like John Wayne, alone with my Wild West. Skittish lizards, and a hawk whose tan underbelly matched the desert's sands, were the only other signs of life.

A soup of clouds suddenly blotted out the sun. It is hard to give up chasing an oasis; when I finally did, it was late. I had to charge back to the car in pitch darkness. The ensuing rain sounded like it would rip through the roof.

Black Rock Canyon's Panorama Trail cleaves a dense field of Joshua trees. It rises to a 5,000ft summit, where I saw snow-capped mountains and shadowed sands that looked like the sea. Cactuses on the heights were enrobed in snow. Below, tiny purple mat flowers clogged the sands of the wash.

Next morning I pursued Fortynine Palms Oasis. The trail was in a less formidable stretch of desert than Lost Palms, and under three miles round trip. Families with children hiked the rocky dunes, and hummingbirds dived among red-needled cactuses, early, pink sprouts of wild rhubarb and golden brittlebush.

The oasis was a jarring sight. Its soaring fan palms, scruffy and bearded, held shade, greenery and songbirds. It was also the only place I heard Marine base artillery and high-speed jets, their noise like violent slaps against the desert silence.

Following a short clamber on the great, ochre boulders near White Tank campground, I headed to Barker Dam. Northeast of the mapped trail, a ranger told me, Cahuilla Indians had left petroglyphs — rock drawings. An intensive survey of likely spots — concave-cut boulders, and undersides of cliff overhangs — led me to a solstice hole, but no petroglyphs.

I can't blame the rangers for being vague. On Barker Dam Trail proper (with varied land features, a rare pool of water, and curious farm artifacts), the petroglyphs that were trail-accessible had been "coloured in" for a Hollywood film. At first I was as disgusted as when I saw Byron's name carved in a 5000BC Greek temple. Then I felt guilty pleasure at seeing them: if they hadn't been coloured in, my personal petroglyph count would have been zero.

I think I loved my thwarted treks best. There was something humbling about them (and they guaranteed my future return). My last hike would have included the work of the mad Swede Samuelson, who lived along Quail Springs Wash in 1928. He used nearby boulders as editorial pages, carving pithy aphorisms in quirky English. Example: "God created man, but Henry Ford put wheels under 'em"

I never saw the boulders; I was stopped by a roaring headwind. Turning back, I saw black clouds spreading into a fan formation. I tore to the car. More rain fell that night than usually falls in a month. The flowers, I'm sure, were loving it.

JOSHUA TREE FACT FILE

■ Getting there: Trailfinders (0171-937 5400) offers return flights to Los Angeles with Northwest Airlines, *starting at* £351 including tax, departing daily from Gatwick, valid until June 30.

Virgin Holidays (01293 617181) offers a week's flydrive from £499 per person, including flights and seven days' car hire. Prices rise to £629 from July 1.

■ Entrance Fees: Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277 (001 760 367 1488/7511). Open year-round. Some areas, such as Black Rock Canyon and Fortynine Palms Oasis, are free to daytrippers. Fees at the north and west entrances are $10 (£6.25) per vehicle per week. A 12-month Joshua Tree pass is *$25 (£15); 12-months* pass to all U.S. National Parks, $50 (£31).

■ Wildflower Hotline: The Payne Foundation (818 768 3533) has recorded information on wildflowers across southern California. Once at the park, contact Joshua Tree's own rangers.



U2 made the Joshua tree famous with its album of the same name

■ Survival Tips: There are no food services in the desert except at Park Center, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 (760 366 3448).

Carry food and water with you. Cars should carry a *minimum* one gallon per day; hikers, two. Rangers advise you to turn back when your water supply is half finished.

Beware of old mine shafts. Make sure you carry good sunscreen and sunglasses.

■ Further Information: The Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce (760 366 3723) publishes the free *Joshua Tree Guide 1998* which gives information on the back country, camping, hiking, biking, nature trails, publications and what to see and do for children and adults.

Details of ranger-led hikes are available at visitor centres.

■ On-line information: The National Parks Service's page at *http://www.nps.gov* is useful, as is *http://www.joshua-tree.com*

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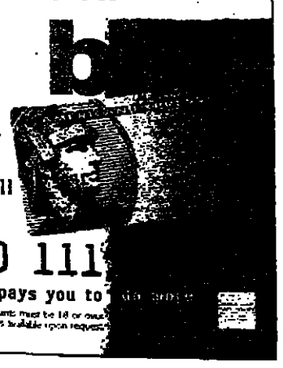
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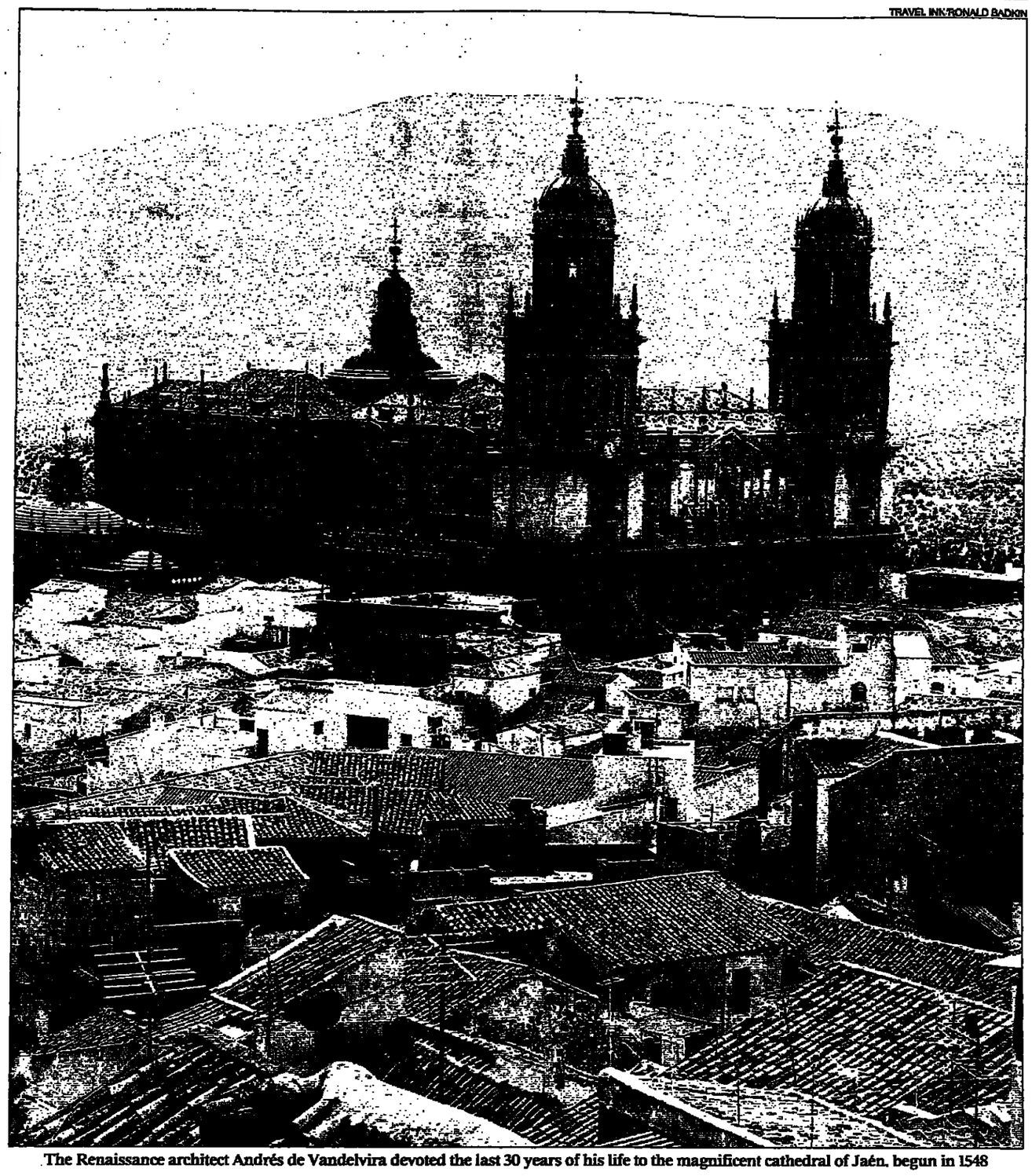
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The Renaissance architect Andrés de Vandelvira devoted the last 30 years of his life to the magnificent cathedral of Jaén, begun in 1548

The great cathedrals of conquest

Andalucía's hidden treasures are irresistible to Simon Courtauld

Of the eight provinces that make up Andalucia, in southern Spain, the least familiar to tourists — and the most difficult to pronounce — is Jaén *(high-en)*. From here, in the wooded foothills of the Sierra de Cazorla, the Guadalquivir river begins its 350-mile journey through Córdoba and Seville to the Atlantic. This is the land of the olive tree, whose serried ranks undulate in endless lines all over the hillsides. More interestingly, though, Jaén has some of the best Renaissance architecture in Spain.

When the Moors surrendered Granada to the Catholic monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492, King Boabdil supposedly gave a legendary sigh as he turned to look for the last time upon this jewel in the Moorish crown. But he must have known that no one would ever think of trying to replace the breathtaking beauty of the Alhambra.

Sixty miles north of Granada, however, the Moorish legacy was not considered to be so sacrosanct. The Arabs had been driven out of the cities of Jaén and Úbeda by the mid-13th century; little is left to remind us of their five centuries of occupation, apart from an occasional arch in a wall and, in Jaén, the remains of a castle and some Moorish baths. What can be seen instead is largely the work of one architectural genius, Andrés de Vandelvira, born only a few years after the Moors had left Granada.

Vandelvira was employed for the last 30 years of his life on the vast cathedral at Jaén, begun in 1548. It has been described as only a little smaller than St Paul's but I would compare it also to Salisbury Cathedral for the unforgettable impression made on first seeing it from afar. The twin towers of Jaén Cathedral, standing majestically against a backdrop of mountains, appear completely to dominate the city.

The Baroque facade was added in the 17th century, but the interior is a vision of Renaissance splendour — vast columns, elaborately carved stonework and a wealth of gold above the altar. A coffer, which is not always on display, contains the handkerchief of St Veronica, with which she wiped the face of Christ as he struggled up the hill of Calvary.

The cathedral at Baeza, 30 miles to the north east and across the Guadalquivir, is also attributed to Vandelvira, though its most unusual feature dates from the early 18th century. A 100 peseta coin placed in a slot in the west wall causes a frescoed screen to slide back, revealing a silver tabernacle about five feet high. Flanked by vases of white roses, it revolves slowly against a red velvet backcloth to the accompanyment of choral music. The tabernacle is taken out once every year for the procession to celebrate Corpus Christi.

Off the cathedral square, other buildings of the same period — a palace, a seminary and the old university — show the influence of Vandelvira, with intricate carving on the façades and attractive loggias above. One gloriously rich sandstone palace, now the town hall, stands opposite the house where Spain's favourite poet, Antonio Machado, lived from 1912-1919 while teaching French grammar at the university. "I will dream of you when I can no longer see you," he wrote of this exquisite town.

The crowning glory of Vandelvira's work is in Úbeda, thanks to an heroic son of the town, Francisco de los Cobos. It is easy enough to read 16th-century European history without coming across any reference to Cobos. Yet he was, for some 30 years until his death in 1547, the principal secretary and counsellor to the Emperor Charles V.

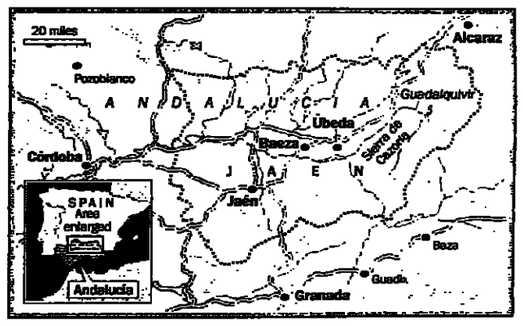
Cobos did his best to control the imperial budget and restrain the extravagant financial demands of his master, who seemed to be constantly on the move around Spain and the rest of his empire. Cobos would often accompany him, and on one occasion in the 1520s, they visited Henry VIII's court at Windsor.

In his influential position, Cobos was able to enrich himself, mainly by accepting gifts. When a share of Pizarro's treasure from Peru came his way, he decided to employ Vandelvira to build him a lasting memorial in his home town. Work began in 1537 on the chapel of San Salvador: it was to be Cobos' private property, and coats of arms of his and his wife's family were carved on either side of the west door. Cobos was buried there, and the chapel passed via his daughter-in-law, to the dukes of Medinaceli, who still own it today. The interior has a wonderfully ornate and frescoed dome, with figures from mythology carved on panels.

The imposing façade of the chapel looks over a stone-flagged square, Plaza Vázquez de Molina, which has hardly changed since the 16th century. It has another church on the far side, and two palaces — one, the town hall, with a golden Vandelvira façade, and the other, which is now a parador, has a beautifully arched patio, with an arcade repeated on the second level.

While wandering round Úbeda, I came upon a clock tower with a plaque at its base stating that Emperor Charles V visited, with his trusted adviser, in 1526. But there is no record of him having returned to see how Cobos and Vandelvira had transformed the town. On the same plaque the visit of King Alfonso XIII, with General Leopoldo Saro, exactly 400 years later in 1926, is also recorded. In the square opposite, a statue of the general, who fought for Franco in the civil war, is scarred by bullet-holes. It is not known how he died, but in effigy he has been shot four times in the head, twice in the neck and several times in the chest.

Heading north out of Andalucia, I stopped at a village called Alcaraz, in the foothills of the Sierra of that name. I knew nothing about the place, but as I turned into the town's Plaza Mayor, there again were the reddish-ochre Renaissance buildings: an ornate church façade, a palace with a colonnaded loggia, and two grand towers only a few feet apart. Surely evidence of the hand of Vandelvira? It seemed entirely appropriate to discover that Vandelvira's birthplace was here, in the shadow of the northern hills of Andalucía — the soul of Spain — and the great stony plains of La Mancha.



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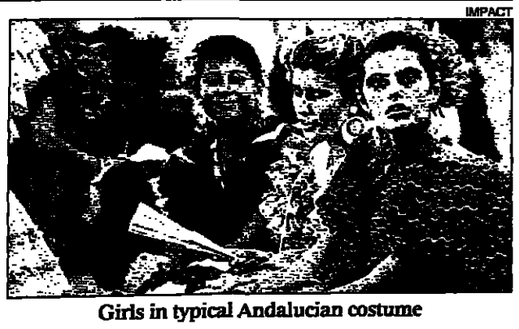
■ **Getting there:** Iberia (0171-830 0011) has scheduled flights from Heathrow to Malaga and Alicante. Prices until July 16 to Malaga start at £169; to Alicante, £164.

Charter flights are available year-round, with prices currently starting at around £99.

■ **Car rental:** Hire for Lower (0171-491 1111) has weekly rates from Malaga airport starting at £93 in June; £102 from Alicante.

■ **Accommodation:** Mundi Color (0171-834 3492) can book paradors. Prices at the Parador de Santa Carolina in Jaén start at £52 per person until October 31; at the Parador Condestable Davalos in Úbeda, £61, during June.

The Fonda Adriano in Calle Romanones, Baeza (00 34 953 74 0200) is a Renaissance house built round a courtyard — prices around £15pp a night.



Girls in typical Andalucian costume

■ **Reading:** Simon Courtauld is the author of *Spanish Hours* (Libri Mundi, £10.95), published this month in paperback — a look at the historical and cultural aspects of Spain. *Andalucia Handbook* (Footprint, £9.99).

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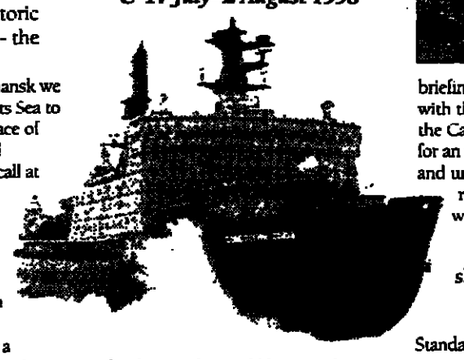
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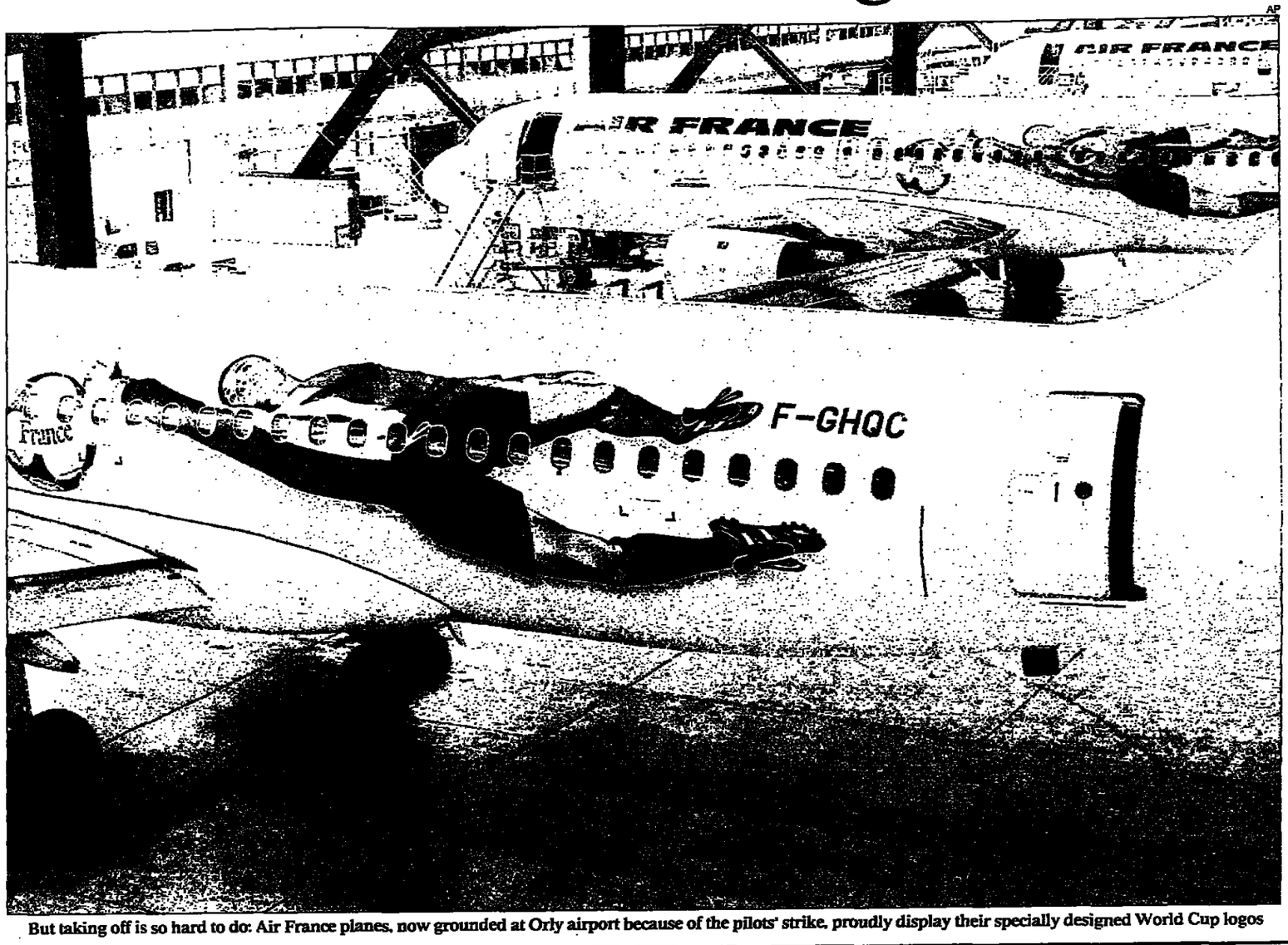
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Strikers score own goal on the runway



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But taking off is so hard to do: Air France planes, now grounded at Orly airport because of the pilots' strike, proudly display their specially designed World Cup logos

The strike by Air France pilots has caused chaos for 10,000 passengers to France, says Tom Chesshyre

The holiday plans of thousands of Britons heading for France were thrown into chaos this week because of the strike by Air France pilots. The airline cancelled flights for today as early as Thursday, rebooking passengers onto other carriers or Eurostar in an attempt to minimise disruption.

Around half the 40 daily flights from the UK to France have been cancelled since the strike began on Monday, affecting nearly 10,000 business and holiday passengers. To compound travellers' misery, a rail strike is also planned from June 9-11.

A spokesman for Air France said there were hopes that the pilots' dispute would be settled this weekend, just days before the start of the World Cup, when a further 2,000 British fans are booked to fly with the carrier.

Should the strike continue, there will be further widespread disruption to travel plans. Many flights to France during the World Cup are already full, despite British Airways and British Midland introducing bigger planes to Paris.

Eurostar has also increased its London-Paris departures from 17 trains a day to 21, and is considering the possibility of even more. "We are already heavily loaded in the run-up to and during the World Cup," said a spokesman. "Since the strike we've had a lot of inquiries and bookings."

He added that if further trains are introduced they are likely to be either late at night or early in the morning, so passengers will have to be flexible about when they travel. He also warned that most of the cheaper seats are likely to go quickly, leaving only the more expensive business-class fares.

Since the beginning of the strike last Monday, British Airways has introduced an extra 2,000 seats on its London-Paris route by replacing Boeing 757s with larger 767s or Jumbos. A contingency plan has been put in place should the strike continue for much longer. A spokesman said: "We have had very full flights since the Air France strike began."

Tour operators have been desperately trying to find places for customers on alternative transport. So far, most seem to be coping. Cresta Holidays, for example, which sends 120,000 British tourists to France each year, has already managed to change 500 holidays, with only four cancellations.

The Air France dispute has affected the airline's main routes to Paris. Fourteen daily flights from Heathrow, four from Manchester and one from Glasgow have not operated since Monday. But those routes run by franchise airlines, using British crew and operating under AF colours, have not been affected.

These include flights from Southampton, London City, Edinburgh and Newcastle. Flights to the French regions have also escaped, to the relief of many English and Scottish football supporters.

Sparing guests' blushes

A LOS ANGELES hotel has developed a system that can sense when rooms are occupied to prevent those potentially embarrassing moments *when the maid barges in, writes Tom Chesshyre.*

The five-star L'Ermitage Beverly Hills claims to be the first hotel in the world to introduce warning lights outside bedroom doors that indicate whether guests are in.

The new system also adjusts each room's lighting and temperature according to the preference of guests, who inform reception of the settings they want when they check-in. These settings are logged in the hotel's computer and retained for future visits.

A spokeswoman for L'Ermitage — a haunt of Hollywood film stars — said: "Our guests want privacy and that is what the lights provide. Nobody likes being caught wearing a towel by a maid."

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TRAVEL TIPS by Jill Crawshaw



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The flavour of Gascony

IF Tony Blair holidays in France this summer — which he promised to do in his address to the French Parliament — will he return to Gascony? This is one of the most sparsely populated areas of France and many of its fortified villages have been almost untouched since the 12th century, when Eleanor of Aquitaine married Henry II of England and Gascony was given as part of her dowry. Among the region's abundant wildlife are eagles, buzzards, wild boar and the recently reintroduced brown bear. In August the region hosts the Marciac Jazz Festival.

The Gascony Secret (01284 827253) offers stays in traditional auberges. There are more than 50 properties ranging from a seven-bedroomed manor to a tiny gite. A week's B&B at the Château de Soules at St Ybars in the Ariège costs £210 per person, including ferry fares for car and passengers. Several golf courses and national parks are nearby and it is less than two hours from Spain and Andorra.

SWIMMING courses using the Alexander technique — which emphasises the body's natural balance — are being offered at Nuweiba in Sinai, Egypt, by Destination Red Sea (0181-440 9900). The instructor is Steven Shaw, who has helped non-swimming actors and even Olympic swimmers, based at the Coral Hilton. Pupils can graduate to snorkelling among the Red Sea reefs and corals or take up scuba-diving later. The week's courses are from October 11 and November 15 and cost £799, including flights, seven nights' B&B and five days' instruction.

Seeing double

YOU can experience the sunrise twice on what must be the perfect night for the most determined insomniacs. Scandinavian Travel Service (0171-559 6666) is offering Top of the World flights from Heathrow to Tromsö, 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Norway, where the sun never sets between the end of May and July 22.

Taking place on Sundays and Thursdays between June 18 and July 30, passengers leave Heathrow at 9.55pm, arriving in Tromsö at 2.05am. There they are met by a guide and escorted to the summit of Mount Storsteinen by cable car for spectacular views of the midnight sun.

And, with a bit of luck, they should see another version of the same sunrise on the return flight which lands at Heathrow at 6.25am the same day. The overnight excursion costs £179, flights included.



TONY STONE

Bundles of garlic hung out to dry in Gascony, where some villages have been almost untouched since the 12th century

Wildlife watch

"AFTER nine months of disrupted weather patterns around the Galapagos, caused by the warm El Niño current, the adverse effects are now dissipating," claims naturalist David Mills of Naturetrek. "Cooler waters are now promoting an increase in marine populations that are reflected right along the food chain."

A 20-day holiday, which incorporates a two-week cruise around the Galapagos archipelago aboard the brigantine schooner *Angelique*, is being offered by Naturetrek (01962 733051), departing August 7. Wildlife highlights of the cruise will include sightings of the fish-eating red-footed and blue-footed boobies, the great frigatebirds and the prehistoric land and marine iguanas.

The tour, which also includes a visit to Cotopaxi, the highest active volcano in the world, and a stay in Quito in Ecuador, costs £3,295. This includes flights, accommodation, all meals and guiding.

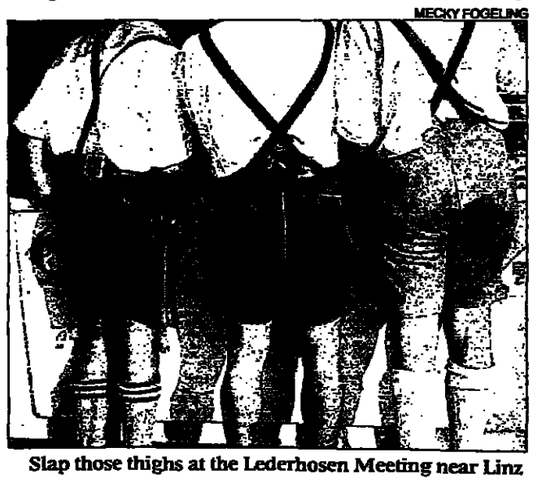
Men in shorts

I AM a keen collector of eccentric local festivals and Austria provides a bumper crop. One of the most unusual, to British eyes, must be the Lederhosen Meeting at Windischgarsten near Linz, to be held on August 1-3, when thousands of supposedly sane men compete in their leather shorts both for looks and dancing prowess. They will tell you that the thigh-slapping originated in ancient fertility rites, though sceptics say it is to restore circulation when bare legs get cold.

There is also the Festival of the Blonde Bombshell to be held on August 29 in Millstatt, Carinthia, which sounds very politically incorrect. Meanwhile, calories soar at the mere thought of the Giant Chocolate Festival in Bludenz in the Vorarlberg on July 11.

However, for the highest greed-quotient you definitely must not miss the Rauchkuch-dumpling Festival which is held at St Johann in the Tyrol on September 28. This is when 20,000 calorie-saturated dumplings, prepared by 18 chefs, are sold and consumed along the entire mile-long high street — 1.4 tons of onions, many pigs-worth of fatty speck, as well as eggs, garlic and flour plus "secret ingredients" are used in the preparation of these monsters.

Call the Austrian National Tourist Office (0171-629 0461) for more information.



MEGKY FOGELING

Slap those thighs at the Lederhosen Meeting near Linz

YOU MAY never need to face another airline meal again. London's Four Seasons Hotel (0171-499 0888), and some of its sister hotels abroad, have come up with a choice of carry-on airline meals, picnic hampers and even afternoon teas. Boxed in hampers and bamboo baskets, they can be ordered by guests and non-residents at £25 each. I sampled (while on terra firma) the assorted sushi, *tandoori chicken* supreme and lemon grass crème brûlée on the "Open Air" airline menu, preferring it to the "Traditional English" of smoked salmon cannelloni and cold roast beef. The spiced duck, kumquat and summer pudding rated top of the "Summer Picnic" hamper. But, dear me, fancy serving "Spring Afternoon Tea" in plastic cups.

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Protest at vaccine charge threat

AN ORGANISATION representing hospital patients warned the Government this week of the potential dangers in privatising travel vaccinations.

In a letter to the Government, the Patients' Association said surveys have shown that most travellers would not be prepared to pay for injections, thus increasing the risk of tourists returning with infectious diseases.

The move comes after GPs voted for privatisation at last summer's annual meeting of the Local Medical Committees. Since then, the Government has been considering introducing charges.

The Patients' Association, however, believes that GPs are trying to make short-term cost-cuts without considering the likelihood of having to treat more patients who have picked up diseases abroad.

It is calling for the Government to rule-out the possibility of charges for hepatitis A and B as well as typhoid. The Berkeley Street Centre in London charges a total of £52.50 for typhoid, hepatitis A and B vaccinations.

TRAVELLERS' TIP

IF YOU plan to buy bottles of duty-free, take a pair of ski or walking socks with you. They come in handy when carrying duty-free home as you can put each bottle in a sock to stop them rattling against each other. And, more importantly, it makes broken bottles less likely. — Jonny Ayre, Leigh, Lancashire.

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TRIP WIRES



by Cath Urquhart
TRAVEL EDITOR

PERHAPS we should have taken the hint when the Government renamed the Department of National Heritage as the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. What of tourism, we asked, seeing as this industry generates some £40 billion a year for Britain? Now, as revealed in this newspaper a week ago, the English Tourist Board itself is under threat. Its abolition has been mooted as one of a number of responses to Gordon Brown's spending review. My first reaction was to throw up my hands in one of horror — but then I wondered, does the ETB actually do anything, and is it worth saving?

The ETB has many functions, some of them distinctly dubious — surely we could all get along without Market Segmentation Courses? But there are enough sensible roles, such as supporting tourist information centres and a new accommodation grading scheme, to persuade me that we are better off with it. In England, there are about 200,000 small businesses, such as B&Bs and shops, geared to tourism. The support of a co-ordinating body such as the ETB is invaluable to them.

I hope that, when the spending review is completed next month, Chris Smith and Gordon Brown will reprieve the ETB, which costs peanuts — just £9.7 million a year. But it will take more than that to make us think of this Government as supportive of the tourist industry.

PINCHING the free shampoo and soap is one of the illicit pleasures of staying in hotels. Now, holiday kleptomaniacs have a new treat: they can sample the first set of toiletries designed to "compliment and enhance the character of the hotel", available at the Hotel Montalembert and Hotel Lancaster in Paris, The Clarence in Dublin, and the soon-to-open One Aldwych in London.

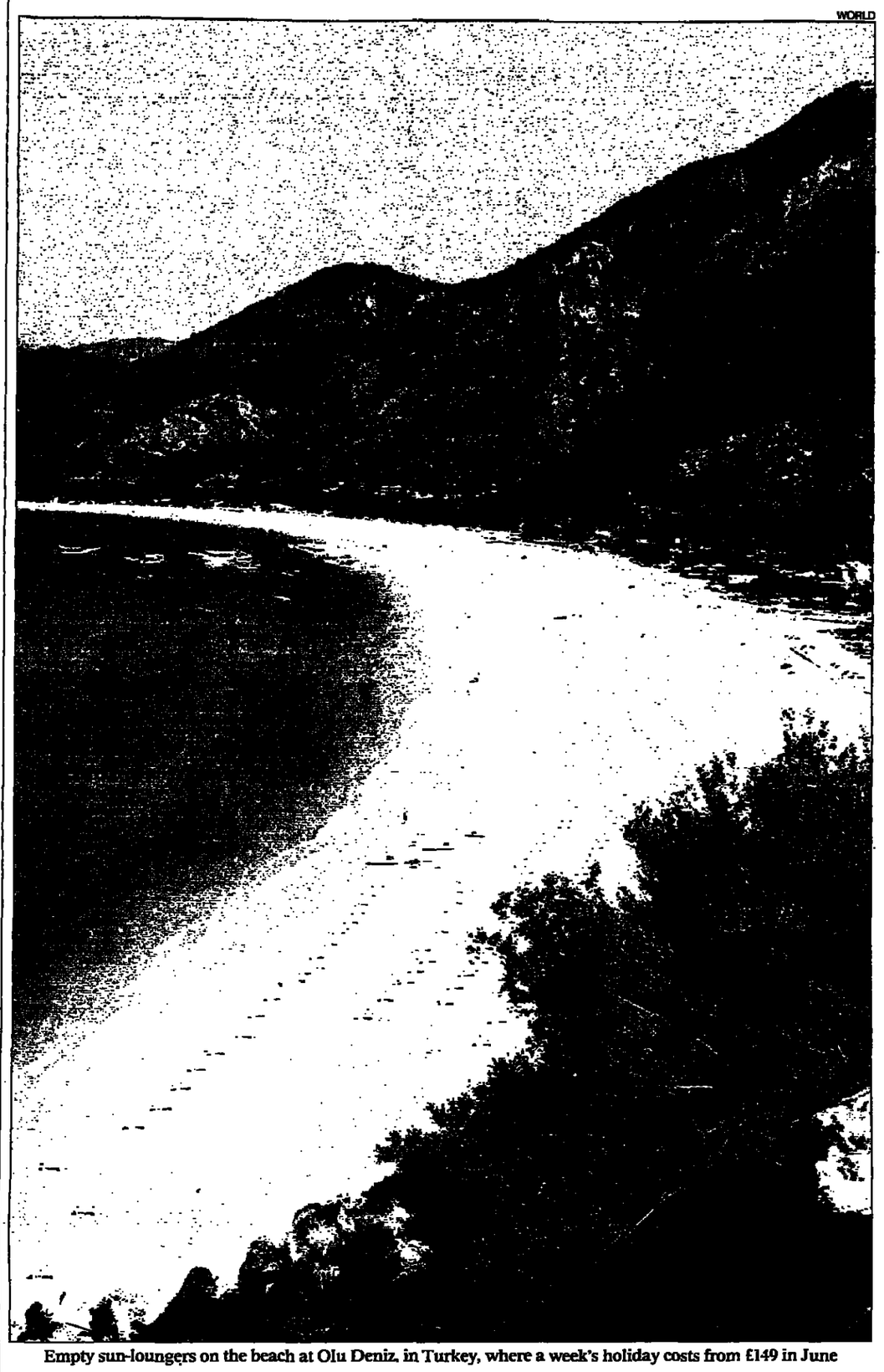
Grace Leo-Andrieu, a hotelier and creator of the Contemporel range, is concerned that for too long, we have been checking in and out of hotels without a thought for the smell of things. But now you can waft around the lobby of The Clarence after bathing in Contemporel, and effortlessly "compliment and enhance" the hotel's smell. Furthermore, if you want to carry on "complimenting and enhancing" after you've used up your free in-room fragrances, you can also buy a goody bag of cosmetics on leaving the hotel for £8 (teeny 30ml phials) or £22 (100ml).

AS I slapped on some of the Body Shop's new hemp hand cream, my friend remarked that now there was something to excite the sniffer dogs at Heathrow. Did he have a point? I rang my man behind the one-way glass to see if his dogs have become over-excited when patrolling near Terminal 3's Body Shop of late.

He pondered. "If these products smell of cannabis some dogs might notice," he ventured, "but the passengers would be eliminated after a few questions." Later he rang back, highly excited. "The dog handlers are going to buy some hemp products and run some tests."

Before I left them to their labours, we agreed that, while customs officers in countries which are used to the Body Shop's exotic campaigns will not be fazed by a soap tin bearing the word hemp and a picture of a marijuana leaf, there may be corners of the world where explanation of the offending symbol takes a little longer.

Holiday companies are slashing prices during the World Cup, says **Jeannette Hyde**



WORLD

Empty sun-loungers on the beach at Olu Deniz, in Turkey, where a week's holiday costs from £149 in June

How to net a good deal

Tour operators are slashing prices to try and entice consumers away from their World Cup armchairs and fill empty hotel rooms and plane seats.

Package holidays in the first two weeks of this month are the cheapest for several years because so many people are shunning a break to stay home to watch football.

Jack Rogers, operations manager of Treasures of Turkey, said: "We have seen a slowdown in business due to the World Cup. We have reduced some holidays by up to £150 per person."

He said that holidaymakers could find particularly good deals from Manchester airport because packages are selling slowest from there, maybe because football fever is highest in the area.

Prices for a week around Olu Deniz, Turkey, leaving 15 June (when England play Tunisia) start at £149 from Gatwick. A week in Gumbet or Altinkum, leaving the same day from Glasgow or Manchester, starts at £169. Accommodation is allocated on arrival.

The company has negotiated a 30 per cent discount on drinks with many local bars that have satellite television to enable guests to follow the football.

Martin Young, marketing manager of Panorama Holidays, which specialises in the Mediterranean, said: "It does not matter the destination, it is difficult to sell holidays during the World Cup. But we may see a booking surge in the second half of June when England gets knocked out — not that I'd like to see them knocked out, of course."

Stuart Jackson, commercial director of Cosmos, said: "We have come up with prices to entice people away and are trying to persuade them that it is just as much fun to watch the World Cup abroad as in your own front room. Package prices in June are cheaper this year than the last two years."

Jim Crew, managing director of Eurocamp, said: "There are some amazing prices around at the moment. We still have space in June and have 30 per cent off departures before June 29."

Robert Oakley, managing director of Sunsites, said the company was offering two weeks for the price of one during June to five campsites in France.

"We are trying to emphasise that most of the destinations we offer are away from the World Cup cities. We will have wide-screen television in our campsites for those who do want to see a match."

Ed Sims, sales and marketing director of Unijet, said: "Discounts on long-haul holidays far outweigh those on short-haul holidays. This is because there is the feeling among clients that it is easier to watch a match in Greece, Spain or Turkey than further afield. We have substantial discounts, especially to places like Florida and the Caribbean, during June."

Examples of deals include:

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☐ Panorama Holidays (01273 206531) — 7 June, seven nights in Ibiza, self-catering, departing from Gatwick, £99.

☐ Cosmos (0161-460 5799) — 23 June, seven nights in an all-inclusive hotel on the Costa Dorada, Spain, £269 per person based on four sharing a room.

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Stay at home for new year, 1999

Millennium revellers were cheered by news this week that Friday, December 31, 1999, will be a Bank Holiday.

The Government decision, the first extra Bank Holiday granted since the Duke and Duchess of York married in 1986, will give Britons a four-day break.

But will the extra day result in a national exodus? Short break specialists are divided as to whether the nation will take off or prefer to stay at home.

British Airways Holidays is preparing itself for a rush on short break destinations. Emma Hill, a spokeswoman, said: "It's going to be a very busy time anyway, but the extra day's holiday will certainly act as an incentive for people to go abroad."

The company has yet to launch brochures for the millennium period, but people are already making provisional bookings.

British short break operator, Sunvil, is unsurprisingly also optimistic, and refers to the four day break as "a boom time". Noel Josephides, managing director, said: "There's so much going on, it will be more fun to stay here. Anything going on abroad will be a shadow of what is going on in the UK."

JOANNA HUNTER

Gibraltar off the rocks

RONALD GRIBBLE



Gibraltar aims to entice more tourists to stay and visit the resident Rock apes

Over the past few years Gibraltar's tourist industry has been on the rocks: the main shopping thoroughfare has looked rundown and hotel facilities have lagged behind those in nearby Spanish resorts, writes *Tom Chesshyre*.

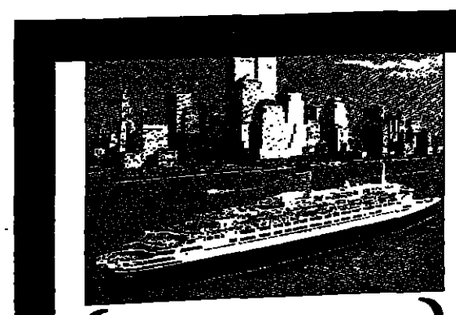
But now the Gibraltar Tourist Board has launched a campaign to clean up the streets, refurbish the main hotels, build a cruise terminal and improve the airport.

It is hoped the campaign will help reverse the problem of tourists flying into the former British colony and immediately leaving for a holiday in Spain or Portugal. About 60 per cent of visitors who arrive by plane depart straightaway.

The Gibraltar Government has spent more than £10 million on the improvements, which are expected to be completed by the end of the year. The cruise terminal is already finished.

Albert Poggio, director of the Gibraltar Tourist Board in Britain, said: "We were concerned about Gibraltar's problems and realised we had to do a lot to compete with the tourist resorts across the border. Even though we have spent a lot of money, we are not complacent and realise we still have a long way to go."

Tour operators have welcomed the campaign. Gary David, managing director of Cadogan Holidays, the main British operator sending 7,000 tourists a year, said: "The graffiti and litter problems have been vastly improved. There are more signs to tourist attractions. It will be great once the hotel refurbishments are finished."



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Peter Stothard watches France v Holland in the battle to win visitors' hearts on St Martin

TONY STONE



Boats moored in the bay at the Grand Case beach club. Luxuriant bays, clean beaches and the occasional nudist colony typify the French section of the island

They are neighbours in paradise: but from the bow of the bright white launch, *La Samanna II*, they look like the neighbours from Hell. Behind us, as we cruise the Caribbean, lie the neat raspberry-red roofs and groomed tropical beaches of St Martin, the French half of the smallest island in the world to be shared by two political masters. Ahead, our eyes can see only burnt wharves, once-royal hotel suites with wallpaper open to the sky and concrete piles where bridges fail to span the creeks. This is Sint Maarten, the Dutch half of this strangely divided triangle of the northern Leeward Islands.



The unspoilt French capital of Marigot

Three years ago both parts suffered from Hurricane Louis, which bore a French name but destroyed, with all the best fairness of nature, the hotels of the rich and the shanty towns of the poor, the holiday homes of the Dutch aristocracy and the schools of francophone children.

The French, who treat their colonies as part of France, sent in the army and a battalion of heavily bank-rolled builders. The Dutch, who see their islands rather differently, looked to see where the properties were insured, found that premiums which should have been paid had somehow not been paid, or at least not to insurance companies, and began to argue. The result along this part of the coast between the two island capitals, resembles a fashionable row of townhouses where one half has been rented by princes and the other squatted by pyromaniacs.

To move about St/Sint Martin/Maarten is to experience all the subtle, and not so subtle, distinctions that different governance brings to fundamentally similar people. The hotel La Samanna from where our boat set sail, is a set of restrained French houses, beachside rooms and a wonderful open restaurant, overlooking a luxuriant bay, which could all have been transplanted from the heyday of the Côte d'Azur. The beach is clear of all obstructions bar the characteristic pink rocks which sit under the sand like hams. The taxi-drivers in nearby Marigot, the French capital, are relaxed and gentle, even when asked to take francs instead of US dollars. Even the nudist colony on Orient Beach is a row of bungalows in antiseptic green, where well-mannered Pierrots loaf around apeing extras for a fey French comedy.

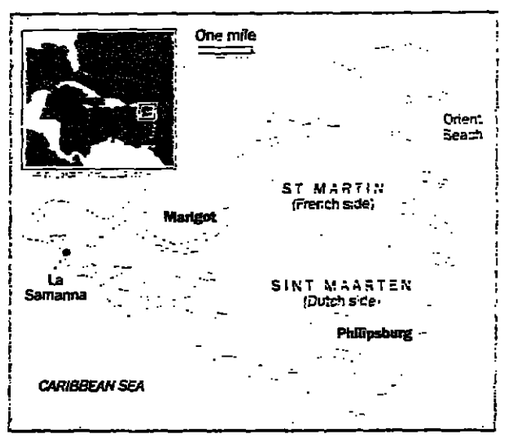
The Dutch side, marked only by a wooden sign by the side of the approach road, is like downtown Miami. The hotels are half-skyscrapers whose ugliness is only partly mitigated by displaying Christmas decorations in April. Even one of the best beaches is a can collector's mecca. The taxi-drivers, who take only US dollars, wear dreadlocks and scowl. The centre of Philipsburg is a strip of neon in which the names of London accountants, offshore tax-planners and banks from the bizarrest places glow alongside shopfronts offering fortune-telling and crocodile shoes for the cruise ships.

This is where the aircraft arrive too. The French side has neither a deepwater port to develop for the cruise trade, nor an international airport that could make it independent of its Dutch sister. So a certain civility, helped by the increasingly common use of the English language, has to be maintained between the two jurisdictions. None the less, the Dutch feel that the French are sleepy colonials; the French think that the Dutch are rapacious and aggressive; and neither side is wholly wrong or looks set to change its mind soon.

The entire island can be toured in a few hours by boat or by car. The boat trip, with snorkelling along the way, gives an effortless opportunity to see the cloisters and curves of exotic architecture, as favoured by opera stars and rich dancers: and then there is the driftwood flatness of neighbouring Anguilla and a hazy view over to St Kitts. The road leads not just to seafood bars and nudist camps but around sugar-loaf hills and marshes where egrets, pelicans and hang-gliders play.

The original division, it is said, was made by a Frenchman, fortified by wine, and a Dutchman, drinking his national gin, who set off in opposite directions and agreed to carve up the territory between their starting and finishing points.

The soporific power of the juniper spirit is held to be the reason that the French part is somewhat larger. It is certainly the better part in which to stay, unless you are looking for a cruising millionairess, a tertiary bank loan or a casino where Father Christmas drives his sleigh 365 days a year.



DIVIDED ISLAND FACT FILE

■ Peter Stothard travelled with Caribbean Connection and Orient-Express Hotels.

Caribbean Connection (01244 355300) offers a week's B&B in a "deluxe" room at La Samanna from £1,481 until July 11, including return British Airways flights from Gatwick, transfers and complimentary watersports. The price range from July 12-November 30 is £1,526-£1,807. One child under 12 years can stay free at La Samanna on a room-only basis when sharing with two adults. Child prices for BA flights start from £435 this summer.

Orient-Express Hotels (0181-563 8366) has a "deluxe" room at La Samanna in July or August from £203 a night, including breakfast.

■ Best time to go: October to February is hot — occasional showers and average temperatures of 22C-28C. June to September is hottest and prone to tropical storms — temperatures 24C-30C.

■ Medical requirements: No vaccinations needed.

■ Books: *The Caribbean & the Bahamas* by James Henderson (Cadogan, £14.99) has a section on the island's history, best beaches and best bars. *Caribbean Islands Handbook* by Sarah Cameron (Footprint Handbooks, £14.99) has detailed sections with maps covering both Sint Maarten and St Martin.

■ Further information: Sint Maarten Tourist Bureau (00 599 5 22337); St Martin Tourist Office (00 590 87 57 21).

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TRUE description of my client is well spoken, petite, very feminine, attractive, slim, very loyal, intelligent, public school living in Sussex. widowed, with a great sense of humour who would like to meet someone well spoken, preferably public school or grammar over 5'9" aged from 45-75. He would hopefully be interested in country life looking for friendship in the first instance enjoy travel classical music, walking, theatre, cinema, dining out, equally happy to have an evening at home. She is attracted to men with a fairly strong character, but who will equally give her space. He should also be financially independent. No fee for introducing you to my client just tel Heather Rieber Percy, Country Partners 01432 345200 quote box no 1484 or fax 01432 370381 or write to 9 Riverside Crt, Wye St, Hereford, HR2 7RA. Total discretion

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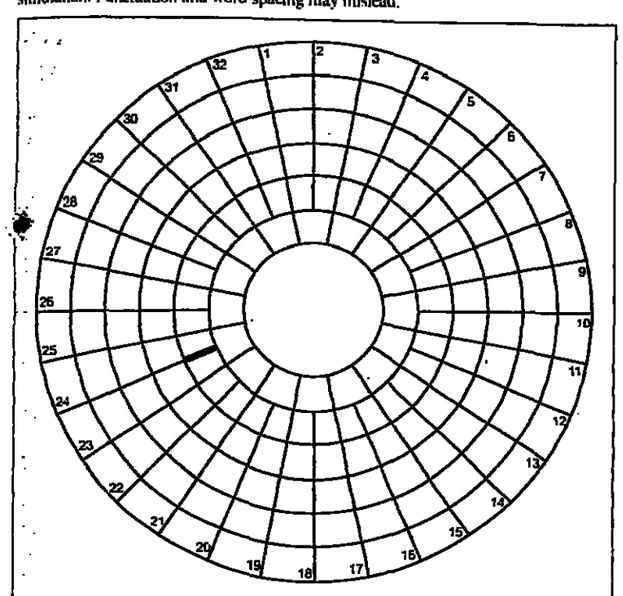
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3 Flutter about beginner in charge between Sweden and Germany
4 One like this a bit surreptitiously is handling
B 5 Poles' line-up helps in this — some sub on in goal
6 Credit one from North, with Gazza's face, in tears?
7 "Use wings! Spread out!" Scots scolded
8 *Shattered a post, a tough piece of timber*
C 9 Uruguay lose, end literally in disarray — looks black for them?
10 He advocated control of unrestricted play: vital to get three points
11 Back Revie, right man to gain by illegal means . . .
12 . . . one has, for example, to trip?
D13 English not won! Weber's scrambled this late one — irritating!
14 A bit clumsy from Pele, lacking finish?
15 Many sent off in this
16 Jonesy settled old scores!
E17 Agreement about Geoff's second crossing line? Wrong decision!
18 Not on! Devious Maradona's offence against England!
19 Strange for Scottish half-back to withdraw from shooting position
20 Estonia's not accepted time change — excuse for not turning up!
F21 Gary L scores remarkable goals — this one's got an eye for a ball!
22 Uwe's header in net, third from Muller! Neither wanted!
23 Encouraging scoring to take off pressure
24 With off-days like this, replace Sir Alf (point dropped, another needed)
G25 Peru's first bar for Scots to leap!
26 Penalty's close! Grind out this result with help of a tumble!
27 Poor England losing, Norway with a corner
28 Flattish formation caught dithering by Romario, a Brazilian centre to stand out
H29 *Winger (right), he makes things level*
30 Confusion — neat cross into English area has them clinging on to life
31 Displace ace, exult wildly
32 Diabolical score! Charlton roars to get a grip here

CYCLICAL CLUES

Last 16

Ring 1
1 (1A v 2B) *Ref, ignoring fine advantage, had recourse to* book forward here. It's dissent — dreadful!
2 (1B v 2A) Substitute, spinning round first of defenders, shoots, showing skill of French feet
3 (1C v 2D) One lacking cutting edge held back by keeper to stop Portugal getting draw
4 (1D v 2C) Banks to do this to prevent goal to France with foot. He's top class!

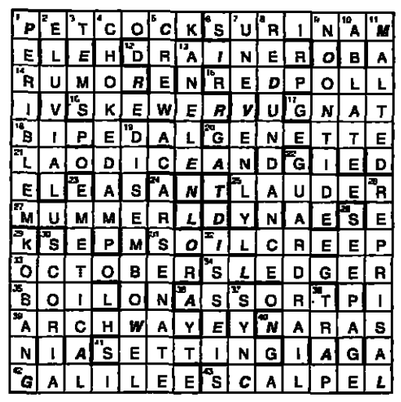
Ring 2
5 (1E v 2F) Play goalless draw in Liechtenstein? Rubbish! European system organised for the better
6 (1F v 2E) One English sent in goalmouth direction — Scot admits: "Perhaps saw over line"!
7 (1G v2H) "Almost draw" English whine. "Pitch for a game of football, was it?"
8 (1H v 2G) Scots plough a lonely furrow. Free-moving Polish, for example, put abject English out

Quarter Finals (Ring 4)
A (1 v 4) Latin football shows its worth in Spain. It's revered in knock-out format
B (2 v 3) Hunt grabs one after missing header (one absolute ace with hesitation in air!)
C (5 v 8) Keep defence (second half) flat, with this for back-up? Kid's play!
D (6 v 7) Take finish from Hurst — excited such euphoria one cartwheeled about in victory

Semi-Finals (Ring 5)
1 (A v C) One distraught old hero handles inside box: "Penalty!" Final ends with it
2 (B v D) Left opening to tuck away. Chance in cup only once. This a time to open account

3rd Place Match (Ring 6)
(Loser 1 v Loser 2) Does this hoodlum, perhaps, intimidate left winger at start? Team worker is a need

Final (Ring 6)
(Winner 1 v Winner 2) Victory! Germany's players crack. Left English with highest honours



Solution and notes for No. 3462
Up for the Cup by Aldhelm

THE correct forms of the misprinted letters spelt out "and every chance brought out a noble knight — Tennyson". The positions of the letters not indicated in 29 of the clues trace *out a knight's path from each of the four corners.* These knights are Percival, Modred, Lancelot and Gawain, and the final letters of these fill the four central squares.

Misprints Across: 1. tip/tap 6. laid/land 12. trying/drying 14. roll/tell 15. Asian/avian 16. impala/impale 17. aim/air 18 war/way 20. tatty/catty 21. seated/heated 25. exulting/exulting 27. enacting/enacting 31. spree/scree 33. alb/ale 34. job/bob 35. have/rave 36. firm/form 39. carved/curved 40. invest/ingest 41. gardening/hardening 42. park/part 43. toil/tool **Down:** 1. staff/stuff 2. scones/stones 3. course/coarse 4. milers/miners 5. cars/oars 7. lumpy/bumpy 8. pay-off/lay- off 9. tan/ten 10. tape/take 11. cork/corn 13. rate/rite 19. but/gut 22. slip/ship 23. cad/cat 24. sale/salt 26. bye/eye 28. ruining/running 29. coil/coin 30. allowing/alloying 32. nettled/settled 37. clucks/clucks 38. share/snare

The winner is J D.H. Mackintosh, of West Wickham, Kent. The runners-up are Paul Henderson, of Walthamstow, London; Malcolm Kennedy, of Seaford, Sussex; J.L. Buckley, of Oldham, Lancashire; S.R. Rice, of Tadworth, Surrey; Mrs M.E. Taylor, of Rugeley, Staffordshire

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

THE Spring Foursomes is the most important weekend tournament in the EBU calendar. This year it was won by Andrew McIntosh, Neil Rosen, and Stuart and Gerald *Tredinnick.*

By making a poor bid as South on this hand I managed to eliminate my team from the event.

Dealer South — Love all — IMPs

	♠A 10 3 ♥5 4 2 ♦A J 8 6 4 ♣6 3	
♠5 ♥A 10 9 6 ♦K Q 10 7 5 ♣Q 10 8	N W E S	♠J 9 6 4 ♥K Q J 8 7 3 ♦9 3 ♣5
	♠K Q 8 7 2 ♥ - ♦2 ♣A K J 9 7 4 2	

S	W	N	E
1 C	1 D	Pass	1 H
3 S	4 H	5 D	Pass
5 S	All Pass		

Contract: Five Spades by South.
Lead: the ace of hearts

After I had shown a powerful black two-suiter Munir AtaUlla, my partner, made the fine bid of Five *Diamonds over West's Four* Hearts. That clearly showed good support for one of my suits, and the ace of diamonds. However, obsessed with the fact that he did not bid over One Diamond, and therefore could not have enough for a slam to be a sound contract, I signed off in Five Spades.

The point I had missed was that, as we were playing negative doubles, he could still have a good hand — the reason he passed One Diamond was that he was hoping I could reopen with a double, the only way we could achieve playing in One Diamond doubled.

There is a trap in the play. In practice the black-suit distribution was benign, but I have changed the East-West cards to illustrate the danger. You ruff the heart lead. What is the line to guarantee Five Spades against 3-1 clubs and 4-1 spades?

"Side suit first" is a powerful rule of thumb. Here, if declarer draws two rounds of trumps he is down. But see the effect of playing off just the ace of spades, and then playing two top clubs. If someone ruffs and plays another heart, declarer ruffs and plays a third club, ruffing in dummy. On the layout shown here, East can overruff but now declarer is in control.

An improvement is for declarer to cash the ace of clubs at trick two, cross to dummy with the ace of spades and lead up to the king of clubs. That way, if East is short he will be ruffing air. As the cards lie that guarantees 12 tricks.

In Six Spades that would probably also be the correct line, though if West ruffed the club and played a heart declarer would have to decide whether to play a second trump before taking his club ruff.

WORD ANSWERS

Answers from page 36

SPANISH FLY
(a) An insect, also called the "blister beetle", Lytta Vesicatoria, abundant in Europe. It feeds on ash and privet. Dried and used for blistering, the active element in Cantharydin. Reputed to be an aphrodisiac. It is dangerous internally, so the sale is now banned.

PONTEFRACT CAKE
(a) The liquorice sweet. The plant Glycirriza Glabra, from the rhizomes of which liquorice is extracted, was grown at Pontefract (Pumfret), and a confectionery industry set up there in 1760. Richard II died there.

HARROW CUT
(b) An intended cover drive, which touches only the inside edge of the bat, just misses leg stump and goes for four over the long leg boundary. At which the spectators cry "Harrooooow" in admiration and envy of the luck of Harrovian batsmen.

SCOTCH WOODCOCK
(c) Essentially anchovies on scrambled egg on toast. The toast is traditionally cut in triangles with the crusts removed. The scrambled egg includes anchovy, and two or three strips of anchovy are laid over the top.

TWO BRAINS

Answers from page 36
Question 1
1 — Hydrogen. 12 — Carbon. 14 — Nitrogen. 16 — Oxygen. 4 — Helium. The numbers refer to atomic weights.
Question 2
Shakespeare — Falstaff. King Henry IV. Part II

CHESS

by Raymond Keene

THE family of king-hunting chess games includes Western chess, Shogi (Japanese chess) and XiangQi (Chinese chess). All appear to have evolved from the Indian war game of Chaturanga which probably originated in northwest India in about AD 500. Chaturanga was played on the squares of an 8 x 8 board with two armies of raja, general, two elephants, two horsemen, two chariots and eight foot-soldiers. Capture of the opponent's raja, or all his army, wins the game.

Chaturanga spread by means of conquest, trade and missionary routes. Chess as we know it resulted from the Arab game of Shatranj entering Europe in the early 8th century. The introduction of chess into China was probably during the same century. Chinese chess is played on intersections, rather than squares, with a river running across the board and some pieces that can only capture through others. Chinese chess travelled to Japan towards the end of the 8th century, and from it evolved Shogi, in which captured pieces changed sides and can be parachuted back into the game.

I take this information from the book *Four Great Games, rules and strategy for beginners* by Tony Hosking. Apart from chess, Shogi and XiangQi, Hosking also has a section on the sophisticated territorial oriental game Go. The book is ideal for those who wish to broaden their chess cultural horizons.

In Tokyo on January 20, 1933, the world chess champion Alexander Alekhine gave a 14-board simultaneous display, blindfolded, winning every game including this one against Yoshio Kimura — who was to become the 14th Shogi Meijin, or lifetime grand champion.

White: Alexander Alekhine
Black: Yoshio Kimura
Tokyo 1933
Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5	2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6	4	Bxc6	bxc6

More usual is 4 . . . dxc6. The text gives White too much leeway.

5	d4	exd4	6	Qxd4	d6
7	0-0	Be6	8	Nc3	Nf6
9	Bg5	Be7	10	Qa4	Bd7
11	Rad1	0-0	12	e5	

Black's passive fourth move has led to White already having a marked initiative.

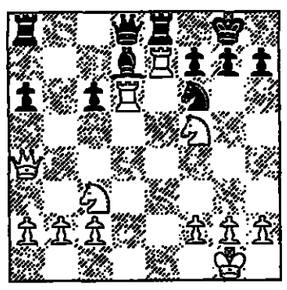
12 . . .		Ne8	13	Bxe7	Qxe7
14	exd6	cxd6	15	Rfe1	Qd8
16	Nd4	Qc7	17	Re7	

The invasion begins.

17 . . .	Nf6	18 Nf5	Qd8

Black hopes to lure White into a situation where a back rank accident is possible.

19	Rxd6	Re8	



White may have over-extended and his back rank will become weak, but White's next brilliant move, prepared long in advance by Alekhine, reveals the real situation.

20 Ne4!!

If now 20 . . . Nxe4 21 Qxe4 Rxe7 22 Qxe7 and White wins, or 21 . . . Bxf5 22 Rxd8. Black has no choice.

20 . . .	Rxe7	21	Nxf6+

The position is still complicated. If 21 . . . gxf6 22 Qg4+ wins or 21 . . . Kf8 22 Nxh7+ Kg8 23 Nf6+ Kf8 24 Nxe7 gxf6 25 Nxc6 Qe8 26 Qb4

21 . . .	Kh8	22 Nxe7	Qxe7

Black still attacks two white pieces and threatens . . . Qe1 mate.

23 Qe4

The threat of Qxh7 mate forces the exchange of queens, when White has a won endgame.

23 . . .		Qxe4	24	Nxe4	Be6
25	b3	g6	26	Nc5	Bf5
27	Rxc6	Re8	28	f3	Re2
29	Rxa6	Rxc2	30	Ne4	Be6
31	h4	Kg7	32	Kh2	Kh6
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37	a5	Kh5	38	Nxh7	

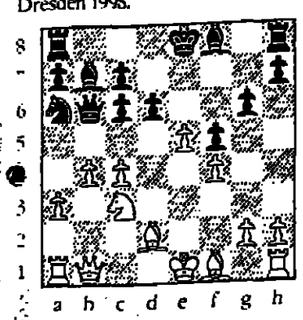
Black resigns

Four Great Games is published by the Shogi Foundation, PO Box 172, Stratford-Upon-Avon, CV37 8ZA.

WINNING MOVES

by Raymond Keene

WHITE to play. This position is from the game Pavasovic v Rogulj, Dresden 1998.



In this curious position, both sides have neglected their development in favour of obscure manoeuvres. White's have proved the more relevant, as he now wins quickly. *Can you see how?*

The first correct answer drawn on Thursday will win a year's subscription to the Staunton Society. Answers, on a postcard please, addressed to: Winning Move competition, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Solution to last week's competition: **1 Qxg3**

The winner is Mr S. Hutchinson, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

by Tim Wapshott

TODAY WE launch a competition that promises hours of computing bliss for the summer. Enter *Cyberspace Forty-Three* and you could be among 100 readers who will share more than £5,000-worth of prizes from Direct Connection.

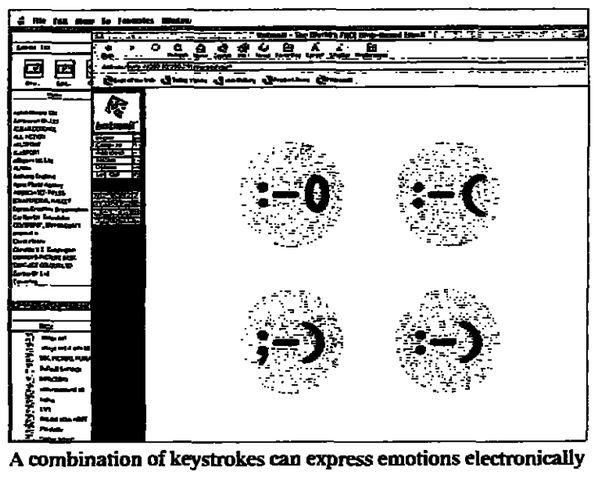
A British success story, Direct Connection is ten years old this year. The company, based in Blackheath, London, is an Internet Service Provider, with a straightforward attitude to Internet access.

Anyone who struggled with the first Internet accounts available appreciates the importance of a "no-frills" approach to the World Wide Web. The original service providers had an arrangement like an overcrowded lobby, largely promoting their own on-line services. To reach the Internet proper, you had to use a small door hidden at the back. Not surprisingly, subsequent communication seemed slow and shaky.

In contrast, Direct Connection does not have an entrance lobby. It is a front door, connecting you quickly and solidly to the Net.

For many people, getting connected remains a priority which falls between dusting the attic and cleaning the drains. The most obvious consideration of the process is cost. Why commit yourself to monthly bills for a service you seem to have lived happily enough without? Of course, 30-day free trial discs abound. But which service do you opt for? Some offer unlimited access while others let you have just a few hours a week, enough to log on and swap e-mail messages but no good if you want to explore the Internet freely. Then there is the problem of the time limit. Is 30 days long enough to put e-mails and the superhighway to *the test? Probably not.*

We have teamed up with Direct Connection to help it celebrate its birthday by giving away 100 free Direct Connection accounts which run for six months. Access to your e-mails and the Internet is completely unlimited and, for more experienced users, you can also try publishing and running your own Web sites. You pay nothing at all and can log off from Direct Connection at the end of six months, or before, if you want.



A combination of keystrokes can express emotions electronically

Cyberspace Forty-Three is the idea of a reader, Francis Scullion of Ballygawley, Co Tyrone. Readers must write a witty e-mail to a close friend on his or her birthday, in 15 words or less, using only the top and bottom lines of letters on the keyboard. You cannot use numbers or any of the following letters: ASDFGHJKL.

Your entry must include your name, address and telephone number. As the prize gives access to the Internet, if you are aged 16 or younger please get your parents' permission before entering, and include your age in your details. Postal entries should be sent to: *Cyberspace Forty-Three*, Computer Games and Pastimes, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, *London E1 9XN.*

The competition closes on Tuesday June 16. Normal *Times* competition rules apply and the judges will not enter into additional correspondence.

ONCE YOU are communicating electronically, you might discover a bold new language. Translating this language is easy, just rotate what you see downwards through 90 degrees. If you read the symbol :) in an e-mail, it is not some terrible typo but a smiling face. There are variations, too. There is :-), for a longer happy face, or :-(if you are unhappy. Should you want to be non-committal or imply confusion, go for :-0. If you want to wink at your correspondents, try swapping *the colon for a semi-colon ;-).* Now you know, :-).

SEATTLE IS famous for two things: the eminent "psychiatrist", Dr Frasier Crane, and the world's leading software vendor, Microsoft. Both like to raise a smile in the face of adversity. In the case of Microsoft a bumper-sticker has started appearing on employees' cars. Referring to the company's high-profile legal wranglings, it reads: "Win98 — so good the feds want to make it illegal".

CROSS WORDS

Answer from page 36
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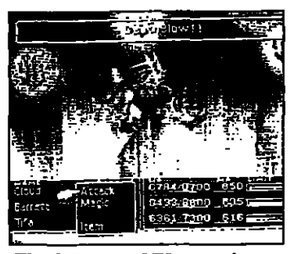
NEW SOFTWARE

WE SEEM to have been waiting ages for the PC version of **Final Fantasy VII**, but it is released at the end of the month and has been worth the wait. This game romped *home to PlayStation chart success* before Christmas and, ever since, programmers at Square Soft's ultra-modern and eerily quiet offices in California have been honing the product for fast PCs.

You play Cloud, a former soldier taking on your one-time employer, the evil power company Shira Inc. This has found a way to mine life energy and is now draining the planet to gain control of the universe. To help you on your quest you are joined by the first of several characters, each boasting unique *fighting powers for the many* battles ahead. Other mini-games and sub-quests are scattered around the levels.

The CD-rom version of *Final Fantasy VII* delivers lavish textured graphics with a velveteen sheen. The backgrounds, many reworked from the original PlayStation code, have added depth and sparkle. This is a classically good-looking game, as long as you have a machine of P166 capabilities or better. A 3D accelerator card is also recommended.

■ **Verdict: 9 out of 10. Beautiful reworking for the PC of a PlayStation gem. £39.99.**



Final Fantasy VII — a winner

THE Mediterranean is the latest region featured in the **PlanetWare Travel Planners** series from Software Partners. This armchair tourist aid allows you to tailor your own travels around the Mediterranean by selecting the sites and events you want to visit.

The planner features nine countries (including Spain, Turkey, Israel and Morocco) and the odd island (Malta and Cyprus), and gives an overview of each. There are more than 15,000 attractions and events listed, plus 600 maps, but it is the 850 colour photographs which add the most authentic touch. These have deliciously earthy qualities, like grey and brooding skies. They do convey a feeling of being taken by normal tourists travelling around the world in normal circumstances, under normal weather conditions.

The various databases can be searched in a multitude of ways, from the plain "find" to lengthy trawls through special interest categories. Customised itineraries are easy to compile along the way, which can also be printed to take on a real journey. Other features include travelling checklists, localised driving tips and a currency converter.

The sister title, *Northern Europe Travel Planner*, is equally entertaining and features Great Britain, Ireland and ten other countries. To download a Travel Planner demo, head to the PlanetWare site (*http://www.PlanetWare.co*).

■ **Verdict: 7 out of 10. Armchair travel diversions. £49.95.**

SOLUTION TO JUMBO 167

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The winner of £100 in our Bank Holiday Jumbo Crossword is Bryan Mitchell, of Glasgow

MODERN MANNERS

by John Morgan

Send your queries to Morgan's Modern Manners, The Times, Weekend, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN

Q I have heard that a host should never use the phrase "would you like another whisky?". Instead, he should say "would you like a whisky?", presumably because it is rude to remind a guest of the hospitality he has already enjoyed. — *Nick Broome, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.*

A The use of the word "another" is thought, at best, to imply that the host is counting the number of drinks he is offering, and, at worst, that he suspects the guest is about to have one too many. The polite solution is simply to refill the glass without comment.

Q What is the correct form when one is entering a public house? I understood that a man should enter first rather than hold a door open for any lady companion to go through. Presumably this is because pubs in the past have been male-dominated establishments; it also allows the man to reach the bar first to order drinks. Does this convention still hold true? — *DB Markham, Cambs.*



A No. Now that women enter pubs singly, in mixed pairs or assorted groups, find their own seats, and even stand rounds of drinks, it is good manners for men to hold the door open for any women, allowing them to enter the pub first.

Q I am planning to take a naturist holiday, but before I go I want to make sure I know of any rules about "dress". I have heard that naturists insist on carrying towels, preferably white, to sit on wherever they go. Can you confirm this and suggest any other rules of behaviour for the beach? — *Name and address withheld.*

A Never has the fashion mantra "less is more" been more apposite. You are accurately informed that a towel is the indispensable accessory for the naturist. The colour is entirely a matter of personal choice. As far as conduct on the shore is concerned, the normal rules of beach behaviour apply: participants are purely people holidaying, albeit *au naturel*. However, there is a convention about taking photographs or video recordings — seek consent from subjects before aiming the lens.

Q We are keen to ensure that our children do not pick up bad table manners at school. Obviously, we can show them the basics such as how to hold a knife and fork correctly, to say "please" and "thank you", and always to work from the outside inwards when confronted with an array of silverware, but I wonder if you would list a few extra special things that make all the difference at the table. — *AJ, Godalming, Surrey.*

A Always break bread into bite-sized pieces before eating or buttering it individually, and never bite into a roll or slice of bread. When drinking wine, aim to hold glasses by the stem, and not by the rim. The dinner knife should be used only sparingly, for example when consuming courses of either meat or fish that need cutting; soft dishes such as fish pie, soufflés and salads should always be eaten with a fork alone. Finally, remember that when using a spoon, to eat food from the side and not from the end, torpedo-fashion.

Q I am considering purchasing a white dinner jacket to accompany the black jacket of my dinner suit. Could you inform me when the correct time to wear a white dinner jacket is, so that I don't give the impression of being a James Bond wannabe? — *Duncan A N Emerton, Canterbury.*

A The white dinner jacket has a dubious reputation in this country and should be sported sparingly. It can be worn for gatherings such as Glyndebourne, but only when the weather is as hot and humid as that of foreign climes, where the white dinner jacket is considered acceptable.

Q On departure from a stay with friends (or family) should one: a) remake the bed b) strip the bed and leave dirty linen in a pile on the floor c) turn back neatly d) or something else? — *Sheila Simmons, Peterborough.*

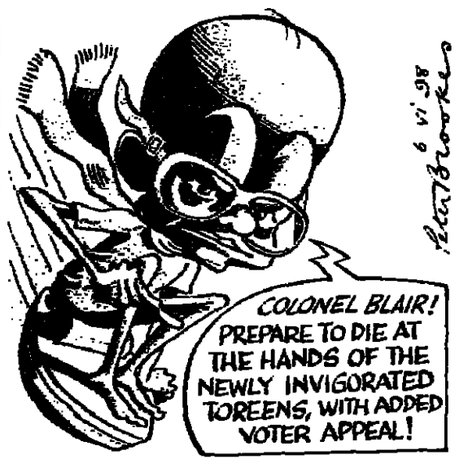
A Unless you are advised otherwise, the usual courtesy is to strip the bed and leave the used linen in a small folded pile at the end of the bed.

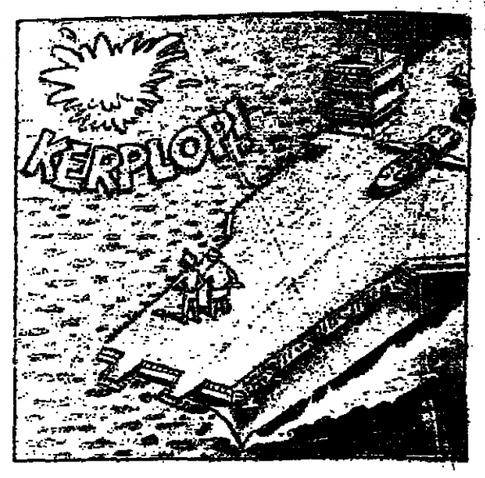
Q I wonder if you could settle an argument brewing between my mother and father. The problem arose upon the announcement of my sister's impending wedding. My mother wishes to place an announcement in the local paper stating that they are "delighted" to announce the engagement. However, my father states that it is inappropriate to use the word "delighted", although they both certainly are. — *Ngaire Ramsey, Woolton, Liverpool.*

A The word is not recommended. Most papers have their own style of announcements, which tend to be factual, functional and quite rightly devoid of gush. Parental expressions of joy are best expressed at an engagement party, where it is customary for the father of the prospective bride to say a few words.

● *John Morgan is Associate Editor of GQ*







WORD WATCHING

by Philip Howard

SPANISH FLY
a. An insect
b. An ointment
c. An intoxicant

PONTEFRACT CAKE
a. A liquorice sweet
b. Yorkshire pudding
c. Cattle feed

HARROW CUT
a. A hair style
b. A cricket shot
c. Pasture cultivation

SCOTCH WOODCOCK
a. Tapered tap for a cask
b. A whisky cocktail
c. A savoury

Answers on page 35

TWO BRAINS

by Raymond Keene

"STUDY the science of art and the art of science. Learn how to see and remember that everything is connected to everything else." — *Leonardo da Vinci.*

Question 1
Thanks are due to P. Watson of Windsor and Dr. Shaw of Leeds, who pointed out that in the Two Brains article of April 25, atomic numbers were incorrectly referred to as atomic weights. With this clue, can you now match these substances with these numbers?
Hydrogen, Carbon, Nitrogen, Oxygen, Helium
14, 1o, 12, 4, 1

Question 2
Who said it, and where?
"The brain of this foolish-compounded clay, man, is not able to invent anything that tends to laughter, more than I invent, or is invented on me: I am not only witty in myself, but the cause that wit is in other men."

Answers on page 35

CROSS WORDS

by Brian Greer

As you may have spotted, there will. I am very pleased to say, be a Crossword Championship this year, in modified form. The qualifying puzzle will appear next Thursday, June 11, and there will be a regional final in Leeds on July 5, as well as two London regional finals and the national final to take place in conjunction with the Olympiad of the Mind in August. More details will be provided with the qualifying puzzle and in next Saturday's column by Mike Rich.

My experience of the championship goes back to 1973, as a nervous contestant in the Edinburgh regional final, in which I finished in a respectable third position. Two years later I made it through to the national final, only to collapse on the third puzzle. Consequently, when at the cocktail party afterwards Edmund Akenhead invited me to join the team of contributors I was happy to turn from poacher to gamekeeper. Thereafter I attended the regional and national finals whenever convenient, delighting in the camaraderie of meeting old friends and making new ones. I kept my mind in by solving others' puzzles, trying to keep pace with the fastest contestants — without the pressure. During post mortems of my own puzzles, as I explained subtle points of clues that had gone unnoticed in the time scramble, I often felt like a chef who has laboured over a dish for hours only to see it wolfed down in minutes. Occasionally, I did manage to slip in a clue that delayed or even foxed some of the experts, one example being: **Gem, perhaps, I altered (8).**

Those who compete in the championship may or may not reflect on how smoothly it runs; those who have been behind the scenes appreciate how this smoothness is conjured out of apparent chaos by the organisational skills and icy nerves of a dedicated team led by Mike Rich and John Grimshaw.

● *The writer is crossword editor of* The Times

Clue answer on page

PICTURE LINE



READERS are invited to suggest what was said Baroness Thatcher visited an exhibition of Henry Moore sculptures.

This picture will appear again next week with an entry chosen from those submitted.

Send your "speech bubble" suggestions — only on postcards, please — with your name and address to: PictureLine, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

The Editor's decision is final.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, June 10.

Last week's winning caption, left, was submitted by R. Mallaby, of Newington, Kent.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Suddenly my waist wobbled. It was the pager saying ring the leader's office." — *Ann Widdecombe on how she was informed of her appointment to the Shadow Cabinet*

"Lots of love, Geri. PS I'll be back." — *Geri "Ginger Spice" Halliwell's sign off after leaving the Spice Girls*

"Mentally he's always had a few problems ... He had tears in his eyes and he shook my hand but he was too emotional to take it in." — *Glenn Hoddle on Paul Gascoigne's reaction to being left out of the England World Cup squad*

"I lost my rag big time ... kicked the door and the table when Hoddle told me I'd been axed." — *Paul Gascoigne on ditto*

"What a week — first Geri, then Gazza, and now me." — *Stuart Higgins on resigning as Editor of* The Sun

"So many people, so many dead, hundreds injured. This is truly a disaster, a terrible accident." — *Chancellor Kohl on German intercity train crash*

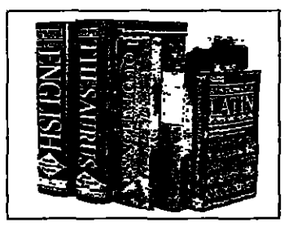
"You simply don't go up to a hippo and take its baby." — *Warden at West Midland Safari Park on rescue attempt of newborn hippo which fell into water beside its mother and later died*

"The show has never had celebrities before." — *Three Counties Show spokesman on appearance of porcine escapees Butch and Sundance at showbiz rate of £1,500 each*

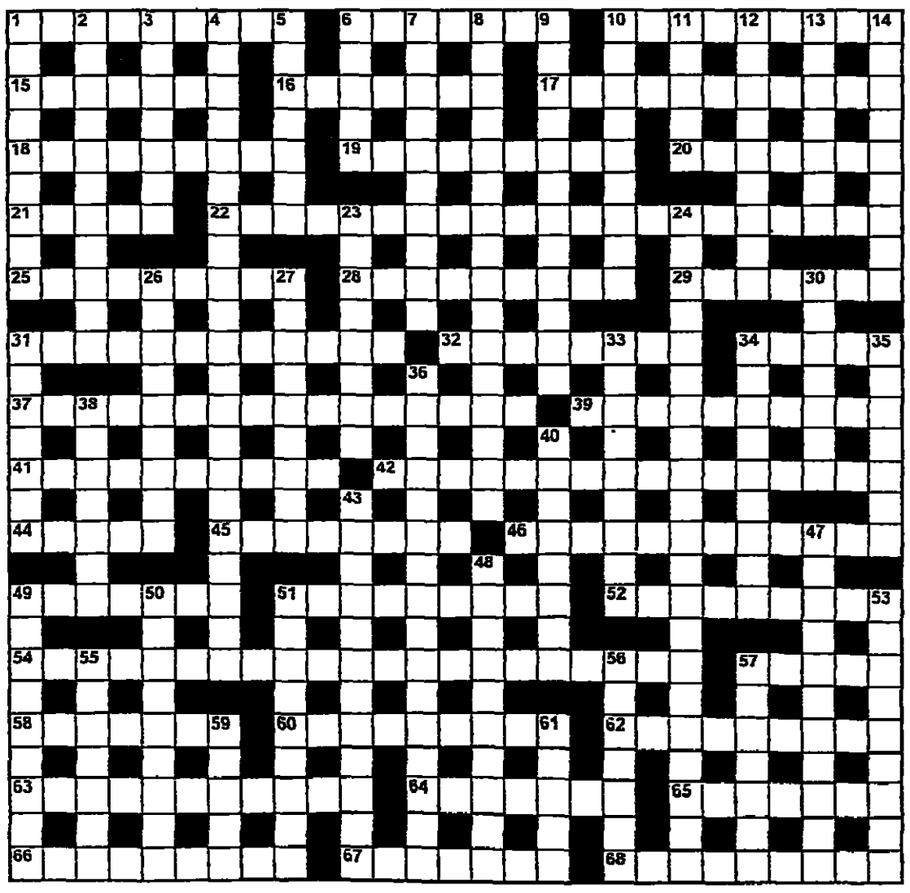
"£45? If I'd known that was all it would cost, I'd have slapped him twice." — *Freddie Starr on being fined for hitting his 18-year-old son*

"I like this one but I don't like the big lumpy ones." — *Lady Thatcher on Henry Moore sculptures*

JUMBO CROSSWORD 170



The prize for the first correct solution to be opened will be a collection of five Oxford University Press titles, the world's most trusted reference books, valued at more than £100. Included are *The Oxford English Reference Dictionary* and *The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Quotations*. Entries should be sent to: Jumbo Crossword 170, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN to arrive by Thursday, June 18. The name of the winner will be published on June 20



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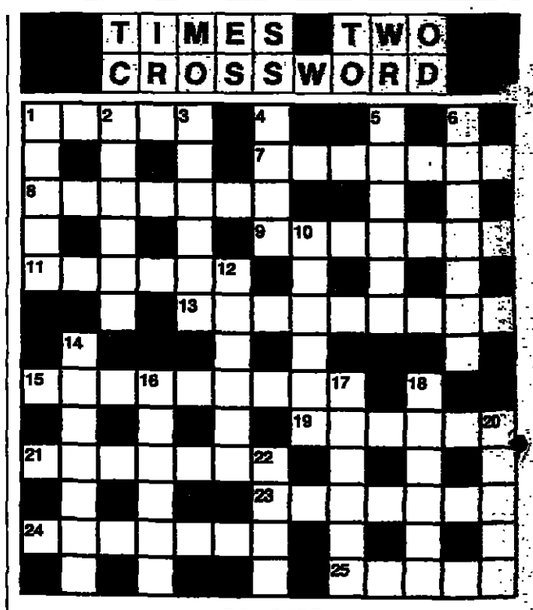
ACROSS

1 One's moved by inspiration seen in camera lens (9)
6 A solid body of evidence (7)
10 Canines can be drilled to cure this biting problem (9)
15 Again perform one-acter recast without lead (2-5)
16 Name that is given shortly following on from birth (7)
17 Drug misused in spoon with malice (11)
18 Military on the defensive over German plots (9)
19 Short stories could be so enacted (9)
20 Stare down openly gay kisser (7)
21 Kent surrendered in stealth in English victory (5)
22 Learning of distant places? (14,7)
25 "Southern fool" used by everyone around North? (9)
28 In which capital of Carthaginian power saw ruin develop? (5,4)
29 Is very protective towards goats (7)
31 Evidence of firing by plant — it shows state of company (6,6)
32 Expert is broadcasting live earlier (3-5)
34 Cautious about energy in exhaust (5)
37 "Fallible USA" — *I must order* Schumacher's book (5,2,9)
39 My work is not deep, as it appears to a beholder (10)
41 Camp of Julius Caesar, perhaps? (10)
42 Company performing many good acts? (9,7)
44 Active father's left weak (5)
45 Did a nose get upset by these? (8)
46 They ask for public information (12)
49 Tea with butter I put on bread (7)
51 US territory in extreme Antarctic (4,5)
52 Exceptionally high proportion of rising damp? (5,4)
54 Acid rock, sins and lust — as ruined this West Indian group (5,3,6,7)
57 Literary genre, namely one led by Kipling poem (3-2)
58 Seed which opens in the garden (7)
60 Manage temporary (9)
62 Country town in Hertfordshire or Derby (9)
63 Reason for being in Europe adopted by British (6,5)
64 Hangs about with users, losing former power (7)
65 *Superman's* girl comes in drunk so he's on his own (7)
66 A sign of faith, I'd heard, to be inward-looking (5-4)
67 Instrument to play when after heart of Isis? (7)
68 Expression of pain for one in marriage providing housekeeping money? (9)

DOWN

1 Those out of society relied awfully on courts (9)
2 Enlightenment may be turned to for a sane ego (3,2,6)
3 Progress in space that's above dome? (7)
4 Its administration will control periodic inflation (10,11)
5 Employment measure getting lots of attention (3,4)
6 Run more than usual (5)
7 Hero died here in the Dardanelles (10)
8 Money with rings makes popular bribe (5,3,8)
9 Take soundings of river and its contents (4,3,5)
10 Scenic area rash Scots would destroy (9)
11 Moulding often beginning on volume that's old (5)
12 Upset in midstream (9)
13 Curse about terrorists' armour (7)
14 Tenses just before this bite? (9)
23 There might be a great deal in store here (8)
24 Way of *laying off* used in the building industry (12,9)
26 Note girl's ornament on dress (9)
27 *Make a dash to use both barrels* (9)
30 Poet's appeal about wise men succeeded (7)
31 *Dogs'* home, perhaps, in old London area (7)
33 With determination, I approach lair (2,7)
34 What's found in blood a long way from Calcutta prison? (5,4)
35 Soldiers ask for no rise (7)
36 Fast as part of the Epsom course (4,1,4,2,5)
38 Nation becoming unserviceable without a capital (7)
40 Lads then worked for Charterhouse master (8)
43 Does it require a doctor's house-call? (12)
47 European caught during nuclear energy removal (11)
48 Such acting leaves no dry eye in the house (10)
49 Feline self-esteem's almost ludicrous and absolute (9)
50 They may advise fools to run in an emergency (9)
51 Drastically *cut down number of* vermin, rising in time to 500 (9)
53 The nearest one gets to a fault in middle of movement? (9)
55 Little artistic creation — terribly non-Dior (7)
56 Coin as one exchanged in Mediterranean city (7)
57 Superficial justice to be enacted (7)
59 Hypocritical about modern times in a *shameful manner* (5)
61 Unit of the Marines (5)

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 1425

ACROSS

1 Stifle, put down (5)
7 RC prayers, bell (7)
8 Bang hands together (7)
9 PM at WW1 start (7)
11 To complete (6)
13 Listen unobserved (9)
15 Endless domestic serial (4,5)
19 Actor's text (6)
21 Advertising poster (7)
23 When sun at equator (7)
24 Confrontation: ice-hockey start (4-3)
25 (Bar selling) Span. snack (5)

DOWN

1 Drink off (5)
2 Grow larger (6)
3 Set up, keep, contact (with) (6)
4 Art movement of Arp, Ernst (4)
5 Productive, prolific (6)
6 Sale of lots (7)
10 Garden clippers (6)
12 Food basket: obstruct (6)
14 Community charge (4,3)
16 A boat; a lot of money (6)
17 Pronounce innocent (6)
18 Seize for ransom (6)
20 Austin its capital (5)
22 Adroit (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1424
ACROSS: 1 Catharsis 6 Ass 8 Average 9 Curse 10 Beet 11 Overleaf 13 Raider 14 Stroke 17 Fathered 18 Ling 20 Capri 21 Aquifer 22 Tay 23 Gift horse
DOWN: 1 Chamber 2 The devil to pay 3 Ajar 4 Swerve 5 Security 6 Agree to differ 7 Shelf 12 Metering 15 En garde 16 Behalf 17 Facet 19 Push

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